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Via Mail
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Dr. Robert F. Sawyer
Chair, California Air Resources Board
P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, CA 95812

RE: ARB Staff's Process for Continuation of the December 7, 2006 Hearing Regarding Proposed Amendments to Emission Warranty Reporting and Recall Regulations

Dear Dr. Sawyer:

The Motorcycle Industry Council and its members are concerned with the short timeframe outlined in the December 19th notice regarding the continuation of the December 7, 2006 public hearing on the proposed amendments to the emission warranty reporting and recall regulations and emissions test procedures. The notice states that this item will be re-heard at the March 22, 2007 board meeting.

Based on the Board's discussion at the December 7 hearing, it was our understanding that the Board would postpone consideration of this item for approximately six months. That timeframe has been reduced to three months with a workshop planned for early February. The Staff's revised regulatory proposal will be presented at the workshop. This allows for only a few weeks to meet with Staff prior to the February workshop to discuss reasonable alternatives.

I contacted CARB staff on December 20 about scheduling a meeting in January to work with them on a revised proposal, but have not yet heard back on potential meeting dates. Because we have not yet been able to even schedule a meeting with Staff, it is evident that this matter is already behind schedule, and that the March 22 hearing date is too early.

We urge the Board and Staff to postpone the March 22 hearing date for at least two or three months to allow for the necessary time to work with Staff to develop an acceptable proposal.

Sincerely,

Pamela Amette
Vice President

cc: Catherine Witherspoon
Tom Valencia

