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OFFICE OF  
AIR AND RADIATION

Clerk of the Board, Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Comments by the United States Environmental Protection Agency regarding proposed amendments to California's emission warranty information reporting and recall regulations and emission test procedures.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency supports the efforts by the California Air Resources Board to improve the reporting of emission warranty information and to improve its recall program. The detection and correction of emission-related defects in vehicles in use are key elements in assuring that the emission control benefits anticipated by the emission standards are being realized, thereby helping us reach our clean air goals.

EPA and ARB have worked together for many years to assure that manufacturers detect, report, and remedy emission-related defects. Although our regulations have taken slightly different paths, our goals remain the same. Motor vehicle and engine manufacturers have a responsibility to design vehicles and engines to meet standards for the useful life, and to assure that they will function as intended when in actual use. Reporting emission control problems to EPA and ARB is an important step to assess whether corrective action is needed.

ARB's warranty reporting program continues to be a valuable source of information on potential emission-related defects. The proposed amendments to the emissions warranty information regulations actually reduce manufacturers' reporting burdens. At the same time, the amendments require enough information to appropriately act on significant problems. These regulations as amended would continue to complement Federal regulations on the reporting of emission-related defects.

EPA will continue to work with ARB and other stakeholders as we look to enhance comparable Federal provisions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karl J. Simon".

Karl J. Simon  
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