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The Honorable Chairman of the Governing Board and Board Members
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RE: **FEBRUARY 23 BOARD MEETING**
LEVEL 1 VERIFIED DEVICES

Dear Esteemed Members of the California Air Resources Board

I would like to share with the Board my experience with the diesel oxidation catalyst (DOC) manufactured by Engine Control Systems Limited known as the AZ Purimuffler™.

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To date, we have installed this device on 50 school buses in the Clovis Unified School District. As you know, this device reduces hazardous particulate matter (PM) by up to 48% giving our students healthier air to breathe while being transported to and from school in our school buses. The cost of each installed device is about \$2,000 and the installation took us approximately one hour. The AZ Purimuffler is both cost-effective and beneficial for school districts that simply cannot afford to replace its older fleet of school buses. I would also like to add that the follow-up service given by Engine Control Systems is outstanding.

We appreciate the opportunity to improve air quality and reduce the exposure our school children face daily. We would like to express our support for additional funding for Level 1 verified devices (such as this one) which are the only current option for the oldest, dirtiest buses.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding this letter and the request for additional Level 1 funding.

Sincerely,

Joseph K. Bjertus
Director of Transportation

cc: Clerk of the Board