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California State Senate

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SENATOR, 20TH DISTRICT



November 17, 2010

Honorable Mary Nichols, Chair
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Chairwoman Nichols:

I write to express my concern regarding the proposed amendments to the Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) for In-Use Diesel-Fueled Transport Refrigeration Units (TRUs), which will be before the Board on November 18, 2010.

A delay in implementing effective emission control measures for major sources of air pollution such as the Tier 2 category of engines would be a serious setback to improving our air quality. The success of the Board's efforts to clean up the existing diesel vehicles and equipment operating in California depends on enforcement of the ACTM requirements.

It is my understanding that less than half of the TRUs currently operating in California meet the requirements. Further enforcement, without delay, will ensure that all operators are treated fairly and keep us moving towards the goal of reducing particulate matter.

California has been a leader in advancing the best available technology to combat air pollution in order to protect public health and the environment. Millions have been invested in bringing this technology to the market and onto our roads. We cannot afford to send mixed signals to those who have played by the rules and spent scarce resources on meeting our standards. In our current economic environment it would be foolish to drive away private investment in clean technology.

I respectfully urge you to reject any proposed delays in the implementation of the ATCM requirements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alex Padilla".

Senator Alex Padilla
20th Senate District

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