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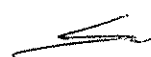
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DEAR CHAIRMAN NICHOLS,

MY NAME IS SAN MING MA. I AM A STUDENT AT OAKLAND HIGH SCHOOL. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE NEED A GOOD TRUCK RULE THAT REDUCES DIESEL POLLUTION BECAUSE NOT ONLY DOES THE DIESEL CONTRIBUTE TO GLOBAL WARMING, BUT IT IS CAUSING MAJOR HEALTH RISKS TO CITIZENS. PERSONALLY, I DON'T LIVE NEAR TRUCKS, BUT A LOT OF MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY DO. THIS IS A PROBLEM BECAUSE I AM IN FEAR ABOUT THEIR HEALTH AFTER LEARNING ABOUT DIESEL POLLUTION. NOT ONLY DO THEY TRIGGER ASTHMA, BUT THEY HAVE FOUND THAT THE DIESEL POLLUTION LEADS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF ASTHMA WHICH MY GRANDPA HAS. HE IS AN OLD MAN THAT ~~ALSO~~ LIVES NEAR A TRUCK ROUTE AND I AM AFRAID THAT THE POLLUTION MIGHT AFFECT HIS HEALTH.

IN ADDITION TO CONTRIBUTING TO ASTHMA, THE POLLUTION WAS FOUND TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR 70% OF ALL CANCER RISK CREATED BY TOXIC AIR POLLUTION. IT IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR 2000 PREMATURE DEATHS AND 250 CASES OF LUNG CANCER YEAR. WHAT UPSET ME IS THAT THE POLLUTION IS HARMING ~~THE~~ THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE PEOPLE AROUND IT EACH DAY AND ~~AND~~ NOT A LOT OF PEOPLE SEEM TO KNOW ABOUT IT. SO I'M BEGGING PLEASE MAKE A DIESEL TRUCK RULE THAT PROTECT MY COMMUNITY, YOUR COMMUNITY, AND EVERYONE ELSE'S COMMUNITY HEALTH. PLEASE CONSIDER AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

SINCERELY,

 SAN MING MA