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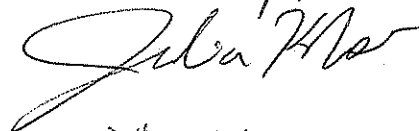
Julia Kho

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Dear Chairman Nichols,

My name is Julia Kho and I am a student at Oakland High School, I live near a main truck route and my school is also located near a truck route. I have observed a correlation between high asthma rates and distance from truck routes. Neighborhoods with high asthma rates tend to live close to truck routes. This causes me to worry that the air quality in my neighborhood is poor and I am greatly concern about my health. I believe that there should be a strong truck rule which can reduce the diesel pollution in my community. It is not fair to the people living in Oakland to have to breathe harmful pollution. Although Oakland may be a poor neighborhood, we deserve to have equal access to clean air. Diesel pollution is a great threat to everyone whether they have asthma or not. According to the Union of Concerned Scientists, Diesel PM attributes to 70% of the cancer risk from the air we breathe. This causes me to no longer feel safe in my community. We need a binding truck law that will keep my community healthy and strong. It would be much appreciated if you can act quickly to adopt a truck rule that will cut diesel PM in my neighborhood.

Sincerely,



Julia Kho