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Dear Chairman Nichols,

I am Karen Ko, I am a student at Oakland High School. A good truck rule that reduces diesel pollution is important because trucks and buses are responsible for 39% of the diesel particulate matter (PM) in CA's air and for 50% of the nitrogen oxide compounds in the air we breathe. A good truck rule will reduce pollution and even serious health problem such as asthma. I live near Oakland High School, which is near a truck route. This affects me and my friends and family. Having asthma is like a fish without air, I do not have asthma, but I know friends and families that have asthma. They look like they are having a hard time breathing and I can see the pain in their eyes. Diesel pollution has a big correlation with asthma since diesel PM triggers asthma and triggers lung irritation. ~~As~~ Diesel PM also triggers cancer. This upsets me and I do not want my community members to suffer. Please move quickly to adopt a truck rule that cuts diesel PM!

Sincerely,



Karen Ko

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