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To: Mary Nichols, Chairman  
California Air Resources Board  
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Subject: In-Use Heavy Duty Diesel Vehicle Rule

Dear Chairman Nichols,

My name is Annie Huynh. I am a student at Oakland High School. I believe that it's important that we develop a good truck rule to reduce diesel pollution because trucks and buses are producing 39% of the diesel particulate matter in California's air and 55% of the nitrogen oxide compounds in the air we breathe. Diesel pollution is also one of the main cause of asthma. When diesel particulate matter enters our lungs, it can cause irritation and lead to asthma. The people that live near truck routes have a higher risk of getting asthma and lung cancer. My family lives very close to truck routes and as a result, the air isn't as great. Plus, my younger sister has asthma and she gets sick more often due to the high level of diesel particulate matter in the air. I also know that many young children in my community are developing asthma at young ages. It is affecting their growth and health. This is why I strongly recommend setting a truck rule that will require truck owners to install pollution control equipment on old trucks or buy new ones. Also, if it is possible, I suggest that the Air Resource Board move the truck routes further away from homes so that it will reduce the amount of premature deaths, lung cancer, and asthma. At the same time, it will also keep the air clean, allowing all children a chance to grow up in a safe, diesel free environment. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Annie Huynh