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Dear Chairman Nichols,

My name is Diana Lam. I am a student at Oakland High School. I think that you should pass a stricter rule on Heavy Duty Diesel Vehicles because it will greatly improve air quality and reduce the number of toxic particles that people breathe in every day. Trucks travel everywhere and they spread pollution everywhere. The pollution then spreads even more and although the pollution isn't yet affecting the better areas, like the Oakland Hills, it soon will. Pollution in the air is just like pollution in the water. If you add a drop of waste water to a ~~big~~ bucket of clean, drinking water, the waste water will spread throughout the bucket and contaminate the water. Although a drop of waste water would not really matter to a sea of clean water, if you keep adding dirty water, eventually, everything will become contaminated.

Although I personally do not have asthma, my grandfather does. Asthma affects many aspects of his life. Whether he is sleeping or just doing yardwork, he has trouble breathing. Diesel pollution causes asthma because the particles that it releases go into people's lungs and irritate the tissue. It also irritates, ~~and~~ harms and eventually cause severe damage to major organs. Not only is diesel associated with asthma, it's associated with cancer and heart disease.

Diesel pollution really upsets me as it harms people all around the world but especially in Oakland. Our class

recently collected particulate matter and discovered
that a lot of the particulate matter was near
our class's homes.

Everyone is hurt by diesel pollution
so you should definitely pass the "No-Use Heavy
Duty Diesel Vehicle Rule."

Sincerely,
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