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Oakland CA

Subject: In-Use Heavy Duty Diesel Vehicle Rule

Dear Chairman Nichols.

My name is Lawrence, and I'm a student at Oakland High School. Recently, in my Environmental Science AP class, we have discussed about In-Use heavy duty Diesel pollution caused by trucks in California. We researched on truck routes that goes around our neighborhood.

Asthma is a very common in our neighborhood and truck that are increasing diesel pollution is making it worse and increase asthma. Diesel has a fine particulate matter that can go deep into the lungs, causing problems for people with asthma as well as regular people. And furthermore, Diesel Particulate matter was responsible for 70% of all cancer risk.

I hope that you pass the rule for trucks to lessen diesel pollution because diesel pollution affects many people, causing 4,500 premature deaths in 2008. So if it's passed, it will definitely help improve air quality and save lives in the future! Well, thank you.

Sincerely, Lawrence Dam.

