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Dear Chairman Nichols

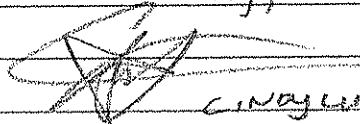
My name is Cindy Lu and I am currently an Environmental Science Academy student at Oakland High School. The purpose of this letter is to give you my, someone with a lot of experience living in a sub-par air quality neighborhood, opinion on the recent debate over the Truck & Bus rule.

As a youth, I am very concerned over my community's air quality. I've seen many of my peers suffer from respiratory problems due to the low quality air. Many of the students live near roads in which buses & trucks pass by and release harmful particles. And to make matters worse Oakland High is located right next to the 580 freeway. I believe that these health risks really endanger our students. Many students are unable to focus on their schoolwork or completely stay in school because of a problem that can easily be fixed.

Diesel trucks & buses are responsible annually for premature deaths, asthma and days and days of missed work & school hours. In my opinion, along w/ thousands of supporters, the new rule would not only save thousands of lives but billions of dollars annually as well, in medical costs. There is more money than ever to help companies & independent truckers to make changes (more than \$1 billion). If this plan is delayed any longer, it will not save the state any money and will continue to drag on the healthcare system.

These trucks and buses are the last unregulated diesel emission source in California. If we, California, have taken action to regulate all but one source of unhealthy air, why not get rid of it all. Why leave out the largest & most dangerous source? I am sure if you take this rule into more consideration, you will see the benefits of this Rule.

Sincerely,



Cindy Lu