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My name is Linda Weiner, with the American Lung Association of California. I would like to speak briefly about the health costs of this regulation, in terms of public health "history", so to speak.

Any time a new industry sector is regulated, there are understandably claims about the cost of compliance. But just as with seat belts, catalytic converters, and other vehicle pollution controls, California has benefited by taking the lead. As with other CARB diesel controls, this regulation will provide many times more benefits to the health of the public than the cost of the regulation.

This is especially true now. With every new study and with improved research methodology over the past years, we have a better picture of the health impacts in terms of costs and in terms of numbers of impacted California residents from illness, premature deaths and hospitalizations.

And the results show at least eight dollars in benefits for every dollar spent on the Diesel Truck and Bus regulation. In addition, the largest amount of available funding ever provided by the state is being offered to offset compliance costs.

By enacting this regulation, not only will the state of California save money, but also relieve the toll of human suffering from asthma, lung cancer, heart disease and premature death, with a higher burden on vulnerable individuals such as children and the elderly ^{truck drivers} as well as low-income communities impacted by multiple sources of pollution. We know the human suffering is real, because at the Lung Association, we work with people who cannot breathe, many of them because of air pollution.

Today, the American Lung Association respectfully asks that you make public health history and adopt the Diesel Truck and Bus regulation. Thank you.