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An urgent message from a concerned citizen.

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Chair Mary Nichols
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Chair Mary Nichols,

I am writing to urge you to implement the On-Road Diesel Rule and cut dangerous diesel emissions in California.

Our state has already acted to protect the health of residents by placing tight restrictions on cigarette smoking. Smokers are prohibited from lighting up in bars, restaurants, cafes and within 20 feet of public-building doorways.

Yet Californians sitting in traffic or standing on street corners are daily forced to endure facefuls of toxic diesel exhaust spouted by trucks and buses.

These emissions are every bit as dangerous to our lungs as secondhand cigarette smoke. Worse, they are a major contributor to the problem of global warming.

The On-Road Diesel Rule would regulate diesel emissions from trucks, buses and other diesel vehicles. The law would safeguard the health of Californians and cut a significant source of greenhouse gases. I urge you to support it. Please tell me how you intend to address this issue.

Sincerely,

Gary Heit

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