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Subject: Diesel Truck Regulations

The California Air Resources Board is contemplating the adoption of highly restrictive regulations that will have a profound negative effect on not only our business but the whole California economy. It is unbelievable to me that you can consider requiring retrofitting the existing over the road fleet. This is going to be highly inefficient, increase fuel consumption, reduce engine life and produce very little benefit in the rural areas of Northern California where we operate.

CARB is proposing a multi billion program which we can not afford in this economy. At the present time we do not have a satisfactory system which is engineered for most of our diesel trucks. Further, I am told that our mechanics will not be authorized to service the exhaust system. The mandated exhaust systems will provide a source of ignition for any discharge which will create an extremely hazardous condition because we transport flammable gas.

This regulation devalues our fleet and we will not be able to sell or afford to replace it with new equipment. It is beyond belief that you could not take into account the billions of dollars this modification will require. Going into a financial crisis you are driving thousands of business into closing or bankruptcy.

Please consider "Driving Towards a Cleaner California Coalition" who have a good alternative. I understand the CARB objective of cleaner air, which I support, but this present CARB proposal is not satisfactory.

Yours very sincerely

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