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RE: New Proposed CARB Regulations

Dear Board Members,

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) is considering the adoption of an on-road diesel truck regulation that, if passed as presently drafted would have a huge, negative impact on California's Transportation industry.

CARB is proposing this multi-billion dollar regulation during the worst economic period we've seen in many decades. Many of the trucks that normally serve the construction trades are sitting idle until the economy changes for the better. When these companies find that they'll have to spend an amount equivalent to the value of their equipment itself, it will be fortunate if they even start up at all.

Giese Trucking is a small operation that hauls mail for the USPS in the LA and San Diego areas. We have to bid the 4 year contracts with the USPS and once awarded the contract, no changes are allowed. The bidding is extremely competitive so there's no room to factor in the cost of any new equipment even at zero interest rate.

I want to be clear that Giese Trucking is supportive of reducing emission from diesel engines. There is no disagreement that we need to work together to find a solution that won't cripple the trucking industry with delays of products and services that Californians have never experienced before.

Giese Trucking runs smaller horsepower equipment (280-330hp) that requires more maintenance but also burns less fuel (about 35% better fuel mileage than larger units) but no consideration is made for this differential. With this regulation, I'm being asked to sell and dispose of my equipment before its useful time is up

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter and I urge you to support the alternative proposal proposed by the Driving Toward a Cleaner California (DTCC) which still achieves roughly similar benefits to the proposed regulation in the long-term.

Sincerely,

Don Albright, President
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