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California Air Resources Board
1001 "T" Street
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Dear Board Members

I am writing to strongly urge you to please not adopt the General Fleet Rule (the Rule) for on-road diesel emissions for trucks and buses as currently proposed.

I know that you have heard every reason under the sun that our trucking industry and others are giving as support for our position that the Rule is flawed on many levels and should not be adopted. I also know that the Board and the Staff have worked long and hard to reach a workable rule that meets the Federal requirement. Please believe me when I say that our family trucking business has also worked long and hard to comply with all of the CARB's rules since they first began to issue such rules many years ago. Hobbs Trucking and all of our family members as well as all of our employees have a personal stake in the need for air that is fit to breathe wherever we might be.

With that said I firmly believe that it would be a very expensive mistake to adopt the rule as proposed. The retrofit part of the rule will not achieve the desired result. The air will not be cleaner and our industry, indeed our family business will be forced to spend money that we cannot afford on devices that do not work.

As I said in my previous email response, please adopt the "scrap and replace" idea for trucks that are older than 11 years. This plan will avoid enforcement cost and administration cost because it can all be done through motor vehicle registration. Over time the truck fleet will become newer and less polluting and family businesses like ours will be able to continue operation and keep all our employees employed. If you adopt the proposed rule, we will be out of business after 80 years of continual transportation service.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lee Hobbs". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Lee Hobbs, Chief of Operations