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Even now, as new regulations are being proposed, truck dealers do not want to take older trucks in trade. The enormous glut of used diesel trucks not meeting CARB emissions standards will be in the hundreds of thousands. Replacement cost for a truck like mine is around $250,000. Essentially, this action will put me out of business in the State of California and I suspect will have the same impact on many other independent or small trucking companies in the state.

The proposed regulations are arbitrary and onerous to business in California, especially to an owner operator with one truck or a small fleet. Is it the goal of the State of California to ruin small business or have it flourish and be beneficial part of our state’s economy? CARB goes way too far in its mission to control diesel vehicle emissions much to the determent of the business citizen. The new regulations need to make sense and not turn the trucking industry on its head. I would like to respectfully request that you revisit these proposed regulations and consider the impact on the small business owner.

 Respectfully yours,

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