

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, GLENN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2008 - 104

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**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING A DELAY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
ALL NEW AIR RESOURCES BOARD REGULATIONS, INCLUDING THE IN-USE
HEAVY DUTY ON-ROAD TRUCK AIR TOXIC CONTROL MEASURE, AND
REGULATIONS RELATING TO ASSEMBLY BILL 32**

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WHEREAS, the State of California economy is severely depressed and the Governor has recently announced a \$28 billion dollar revenue shortfall for the current and upcoming fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to stimulate the state economy and prevent further local job losses and the Governor has called for a Special Session of the legislature to address the economy and budget shortfalls; and

WHEREAS, local business leaders have expressed concerns regarding the damage to the local economy to multiple businesses, and reduced leased fire-fighting equipment availability caused by these proposed regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Glenn County Board of Supervisors recognizes that the State of California Air Resources Board is proposing adoption of an Air Toxic Control Measure to reduce emissions from Heavy Duty On-Road Diesel Trucks; and

WHEREAS, Glenn County businesses have already been significantly economically impacted by the Stationary Diesel Engine, Diesel Agricultural Pump, Portable Diesel Engine and In-use Off-Road Diesel Equipment Air Toxic Control Measures recently adopted by the Air Resources Board; and

WHEREAS, no economic impact analysis of the proposed Air Toxic Control Measure's impact specifically on rural communities has been conducted; and

WHEREAS, a statewide analysis of the proposed Air Toxic Control Measure's economic impact in California will overlook the serious economic impact in rural communities

WHEREAS, the proposed Air Toxic Control Measure does not take into account the unique operational demands and equipment usage of agricultural and timber operations in rural communities; and

WHEREAS, Diesel Particulate is a significant health risk in densely populated areas, the risks are greatly reduced in rural communities with lower traffic volumes and population densities; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of businesses in Glenn County operate Heavy Duty On-Road Diesel Trucks; and

WHEREAS, Heavy Duty Diesel Trucking provides one of the few well paying year-round employment opportunities available to residents of Glenn County; and

WHEREAS, Glenn County residents are solely dependent on Heavy Duty On-Road Diesel Trucks for the delivery of goods; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Air Toxic Control measure will result in international and out-of-state Heavy Duty Diesel Trucking Companies receiving a competitive advantage over local California businesses; and

WHEREAS, Glenn County does not have any "new" Heavy Duty Diesel Truck dealerships to benefit economically from new truck sales resulting in a net transfer of money out of the local economy; and

WHEREAS, Glenn County has been significantly economically impacted by high fuel costs, recent wildfires, the decline in the timber industry, and the ongoing national economic crisis; and

WHEREAS, Glenn County currently has an unemployment rate for 2007 was 8.8 percent, which is the eighth highest in the State; and

WHEREAS, Glenn County median household income is only \$35,707, with 17.5 percent that are below poverty rate; and

WHEREAS, The economy of Glenn County and most other rural California counties is based on agriculture and forestry. These industries compete in a world market and cannot pass on the additional costs of needless and over burdensome regulations to consumers; and

WHEREAS, With the current state and national economic situation, companies in rural California will find it difficult to borrow money to update equipment engines, where 60% of trucks in rural California are 1994 model year and older and banks will not loan money on equipment over ten years old; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that truck owners in Glenn County will downsize as a result of the proposed CARB regulations and will simply go out of business.

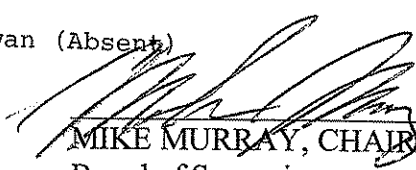
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Glenn County Board of Supervisors opposes the implementation of any new ARB regulations, including the In-Use Heavy Duty On-Road Truck Air Toxic Control Measure until such time as the economic impact on rural communities has been fully addressed and mitigated.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Glenn at a special meeting thereof on **December 2, 2008**, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Amaro, Hansen, Quarne, and Murray (Chairman)

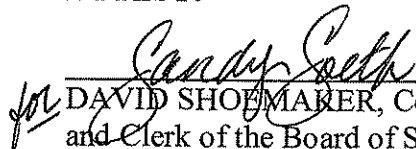
NOES: None

ABSENT OR ABSTAIN: Supervisor McGowan (Absent)



MIKE MURRAY, CHAIRMAN
Board of Supervisors
Glenn County, California

ATTEST:



for DAVID SHOEMAKER, County Administrative Officer
and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Glenn County, California

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



THOMAS C. AGIN, County Counsel
Glenn County, California