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California Air Resources Board

RE: ARB Hearing on Private Fleet Rule

This is a letter of protest, but it won't be lengthy as I am angered and highly upset.

I have attended two meetings to date and truckers present have pointed out to you that this program is putting all of us with older trucks out of business. You maintain that we will not be put out of business, but at the end of the logging season you don't have my depleted checkbook. It is a challenge to pay the bills.

For forty years (40 years) I have been in the trucking business. Throughout those years I have purchased new trucks and at one time ran nine(9) in my fleet and now I am down to one (1) truck. During the profitable times trucks were affordable, fuel was affordable, workers comp insurance was affordable and companies paid a fair price for a fair day's work. Today we have to deal with Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) and I feel certain you are all familiar with that company and their monopoly in logging. It has been necessary at time to selling off equipment to make ends meet. Furthermore by your program it will be virtually impossible to sell our trucks in California. These are trucks that were approved as "Meets California Emissions" when manufactured. The older truck's engines were not designed to accept particulate filters as proposed by this "rule". Even if the engines were able to accept the particulate filters, they are extremely costly, hang too low under the truck and would be ripped off weekly or possibly daily on the rough, low ground clearance logging roads we travel.

The serious fires in California this past summer created more pollution in a few months than all of our trucks will, left as they are, over the next 10 to 20 years.

You are taking my livelihood away from me and from all of us that have chosen logging as a career. Even when the economy was stronger it was a continual challenge to make a decent living. Logging is a deregulate, seasonal industry.

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