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TO: Catherine Witherspoon  
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DATE: September 23, 2005

SUBJECT: ARB's SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM ALLOCATION PLAN

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This memorandum is to convey my approval of ARB's school bus program allocation plan. It is clear that you have given careful thought to the instructions in the Governor's signing message, and in the budgetary control language approved by the State Legislature. In addition, I support your decision to provide an open, transparent public process so that all parties understand what is going on and have an opportunity to comment.

I am concerned about the proposed timetable, however. Pursuant to your schedule, the ultimate recipients of the funds – California school districts – will not receive any money until late next year. I appreciate all the intermediate steps that must be taken and the workload involved, but it is imperative that children's health be protected by the earliest possible date. I know this is the Governor's desire. To that end, I urge you to reexamine your schedule and make every possible effort to accelerate it. I would also like ARB to consider whether it is possible to make an initial, minimum allocation of school bus funds while the larger question of alternate allocation formulas is pending. All districts should have sufficient funds to acquire at least one bus.

I have spoken with Chairwoman, Barbara Riordan, and she agrees with my sentiments.

Thank you again for your thoughtful and complete allocation plan. You may proceed with implementation, subject to the qualifications noted above.

cc: Terry Tamminen (w/ARB plan)  
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Honorable Members, Air Resources Board