

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

STATE CAPITOL
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA
95814

April 21, 2020

Mary D. Nichols, Chair
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Rulemaking Impacting Essential Services Freight Transportation

Dear Chair Nichols,

The COVID-19 crisis has posed a fundamental threat to California's public health and our economy. In light of the economic impacts of this extraordinary event, it is imperative that the state government not only commit to slowing the spread of the virus, but also take the steps needed to protect our state's economy and employment opportunities for our working families.

Preserving the operations of our freight transportation system will be key to protecting our economy, keeping medical supplies moving, and ensuring that products are available on our store shelves during this unprecedented crisis. We thank Governor Newsom for recognizing that our goods movement industry and supply chains are "essential services" that must remain up and running during the pandemic. Without a fully functioning supply chain, we risk disrupting the delivery of critical medical supplies, the distribution of groceries, and billions of dollars in personal income, job opportunities, and tax revenue.

As such, we request that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) put all current and proposed rulemakings regarding freight transportation and harbor craft on hold until January 2021. This will ensure that the state can focus our essential transportation assets on delivering critical goods and providing transportation mobility options during this crisis.

We share CARB'S goal of protecting our air quality and the belief that we must base any new regulations on science, facts, air quality modeling, cost-effectiveness, and minimizing any negative impact on the statewide economy.


Over the past several weeks, COVID-19 has fundamentally transformed life as we know it in California, and it may take several months after the conclusion of this crisis before we can understand what the new baseline of our economy and environment will look like. Therefore, it is necessary for regulators to pause and reevaluate any proposed regulations based on our new reality once the crisis has subsided.

We are hopeful that by January 2021, we can evaluate COVID-19's impact on our state and work together to achieve the best environmental and economic outcomes for all Californians.

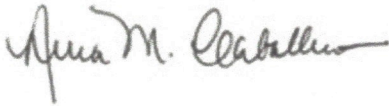
Sincerely,



Patrick O'Donnell
Assembly District 70



Patricia C. Bates
Senate District 36



Anna M. Caballero
Senate District 12



Wendy Carrillo
Assembly District 51



Phillip Chen
Assembly District 55



Jordan Cunningham
Assembly District 35



Tom Daly
Assembly District 69



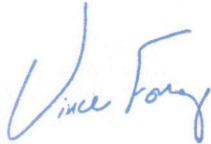
Bill Dodd
Senate District 3



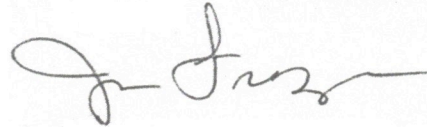
Tyler Diep
Assembly District 72



Heath Flora
Assembly District 12



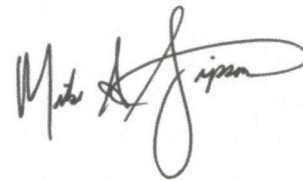
Vince Fong
Assembly District 34



Jim Frazier
Assembly District 11



James Gallagher
Assembly District 3



Mike A. Gipson
Assembly District 64



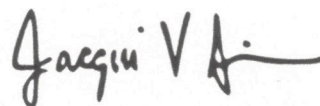
Timothy S. Grayson
Assembly District 14



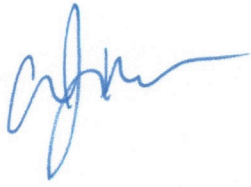
Shannon Grove
Senate District 16



Melissa Hurtado
Senate District 14



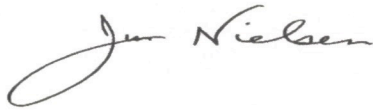
Jacqui Irwin
Assembly District 44



Chad Mayes
Assembly District 42



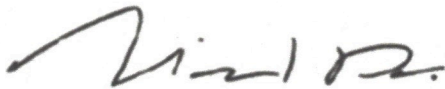
John M. W. Moorlach
Senate District 37



Jim Nielsen
Senate District 4



Jay Obernolte
Assembly District 33



Richard Pan
Senate District 6



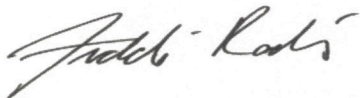
Jim Patterson
Assembly District 23



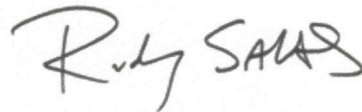
Sharon Quirk-Silva
Assembly District 65



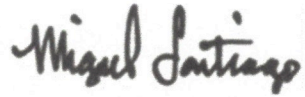
James C. Ramos
Assembly District 40



Freddie Rodriguez
Assembly District 52



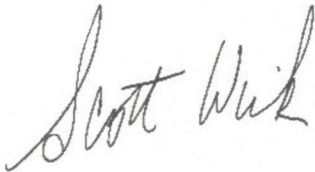
Rudy Salas
Assembly District 32



Miguel Santiago
Assembly District 53



Thomas J. Umberg
Senate District 34



Scott Wilk
Senate District 21

cc: The Honorable Gavin Newsom, Governor
The Honorable Eleni Kounalakis, Lieutenant Governor
Jared Blumenfeld, Secretary for Environmental Protection, CalEPA
Chris Dombrowski, Acting Director, Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development