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March 30, 2020

Chair Nichols and Members of the Board  
California Air Resources Board  
1001 "I" Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Urgent Need to Continue Course on Clean Air Regulations**

Dear Chair Nichols and Members of the Board:

On behalf of the more than 50 undersigned organizations, we write regarding the need to move forward as expeditiously as practicable and uphold life-saving regulations. As the state responds to the current

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crisis of the COVID-19 global pandemic, we must not lose sight of the importance of continuing to address harmful air pollution. Many parts of California have the worst air quality in the nation, and it is critical to advance and preserve regulations to reduce exposure to dirty air. Regulations like those addressing Advanced Clean Trucks, Transportation Refrigeration Units, At-Berth Ships, and many others are the bedrocks of the agency's strategy to clean our air and address climate change. In fact, many of these life-saving regulations are behind schedule. As some in industry are asking the California Air Resources Board to loosen, rollback, delay or pause efforts to clean the air, we ask that you reject these requests as premature and without merit. The health of millions of Californians relies on you keeping in place and moving as expeditiously as possible on regulations and plans to clean the air.

When the California Air Resources Board adopted its last Mobile Source Strategy, it made a clean air promise to all Californian's that it would deliver regulations to address pollution from various sources by a certain date. As many of these regulations are behind schedule, those promised benefits are already delayed to low-income communities and communities of color, including disadvantaged communities that are disproportionately harmed by air pollution.

We fully understand that difficult challenges lie ahead to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic. But we must not postpone our long term goals as we address this immediate crisis. The solution to the COVID-19 public health crisis is not to pause efforts in addressing another public health crisis of dirty air. In fact dirty air has been proven to compound these health problems reducing immunity to disease and increasing vulnerability in children, pregnant mothers and elders. Our already vulnerable communities are also experiencing the impacts of this pandemic. Communities who have been harmed by air pollution for decades are relying on your agency in these difficult times to continue course on delivering the promises you made to us. Moreover, California has demonstrated substantial economic benefits from the clean energy economy driven by regulations that support clean technologies. These regulations are more important than ever as they are a key tenet of California's economy and will be a critical facet of the economic stimulus we need to keep California open for business

We appreciate your dedication to keeping these commitments, and we look forward to working with your agency to pursue life-saving regulations to benefit all breathers in California. We appreciate all the staff from your agency that continue to work hard even in these adverse times.

Sincerely,

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