

Truck and Engine Manufacturers Association Lawsuit Sign-on Letter

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Subject: Stop Stalling Critical Clean, Zero-Emission Truck Standards

Everyone has the right to breathe clean air. Yet across the country, 137 million Americans live in counties with unhealthy levels of air pollution. In California, 98% of residents live in a county with poor air quality. Together, our organizations work to deliver on this commitment by rapidly zeroing out emissions from transportation, particularly of medium- and heavy-duty vehicles which have an outsized impact on air pollution. As such, we are deeply dismayed to see the Truck and Engine Manufacturers Association (EMA) – which purports to represent your companies – file a lawsuit against California's life-saving clean truck regulation, the Heavy-Duty Omnibus rule.

As members, we are asking you to make good on your promise of cleaner air and zero-emission trucks. We ask that you follow the actions of some of your fellow EMA members and publicly separate yourself from the lawsuit and encourage EMA to immediately halt all activity that is designed to slow or stall the transition to cleaner trucks. This lawsuit is a thinly-veiled delay tactic designed to slow the transition to cleaner trucks, which will in turn slow the transition to cleaner air in our communities. We are disturbed that EMA, in your name, is attacking a rule that will save approximately 2,480 people from premature death, and prevent 2,010 hospitalizations and emergency room visits by 2050, creating \$23.4 billion in health benefits – prosperity that would be shared across hard-hit California communities.

This lawsuit is the latest in a series of actions by EMA to oppose and delay critical regulations that will improve health and quality of life for the millions of people living in and around ports, warehouses and freeways. EMA has spent years vigorously fighting the adoption of important clean zero-emission truck standards. Diesel-powered trucks are a dirty fixture in many neighborhoods, spewing pollution near our homes, schools, and places of recreation. We need strong clean truck standards to help deliver vital relief that the most highly impacted communities demand and deserve. EMA's efforts to fight these life-saving policies are a direct attack on these communities' right to a clean air future.

Opposing vehicle emission standards is also self-defeating if manufacturers really want to clean up their act. Adoption of foundational emission standards like the Heavy Duty Omnibus rule unlock additional policies and resources to help manufacturers transition to zero-emission vehicles both here in California and in other eligible states across the country.

We want to believe that zeroing out emissions from your vehicles is important to your companies and shareholders. Your press statements and social media feeds are full of supportive messages about your commitment to cleaner transportation. It's time for these verbal commitments to become concrete action. We are watching closely and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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