

# 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,



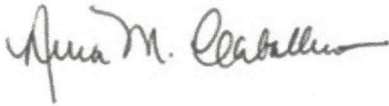
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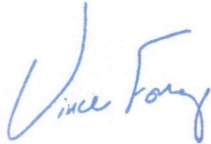
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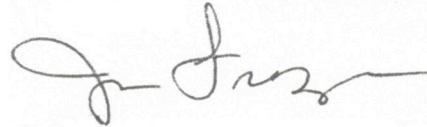
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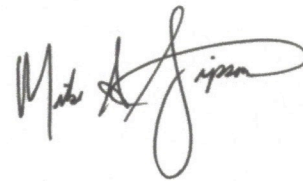
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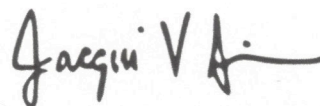
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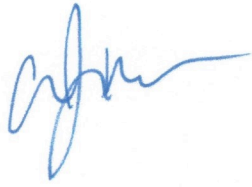
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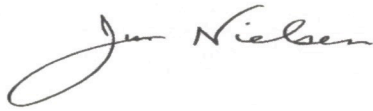
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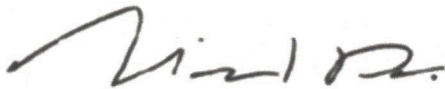
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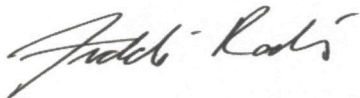
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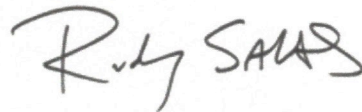
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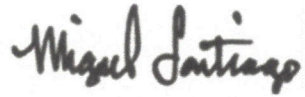
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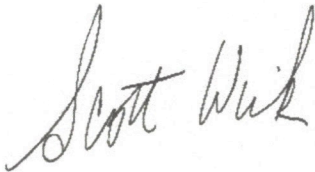
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cc: The Honorable Gavin Newsom, Governor  
The Honorable Eleni Kounalakis, Lieutenant Governor  
Jared Blumenfeld, Secretary for Environmental Protection, CalEPA  
Chris Dombrowski, Acting Director, Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development