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Hi,

Please see attached a letter of support from health groups across the state. Thank you.



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Lauren Sanchez, Chair  
 California Air Resources Board  
 1001 I Street  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Health Support for Emergency Vehicle Emissions Regulation**

Dear Chair Sanchez and Board Members:

On behalf of the undersigned health and medical organizations, we write to express our support for the Emergency Amendment and Adoption of Vehicle Emissions Regulations. The rules are essential to clarify the guiding standards for the certification of light-, medium- and heavy-duty vehicles in the face of uncertainty created by federal and industry actions.

California has approved various low emission and zero-emission standards for all vehicle classes for decades to protect the health and safety of its residents. Recent federal actions, industry lawsuits and other factors have created significant uncertainty around California’s ongoing certification of vehicles for sale in the state. This emergency rule will clarify that previously adopted standards remain in place despite actions taken to undermine the most recently approved Advanced Clean Cars and Heavy-Duty Low NOx Omnibus standards.

Californians continue to face the most difficult air pollution challenges in the United States, with nearly 9 in 10 people in the state impacted by ozone and/or particle pollution according to the American Lung Association’s “State of the Air” 2025 report. The impacts of air pollution affect everyone, but especially those individuals living close to polluting sources causing asthma attacks, heart attacks and strokes and premature deaths. The transportation sector is the dominant source of California’s ozone and diesel particle pollution challenges meaning that the strongest possible standards must be employed to protect the health of the public.

We support California taking action to uphold the strongest possible standards to reduce emissions from the transportation sector. Because of the uncertainty injected into emission control requirements for new vehicles, California needs to approve this emergency rulemaking and provide clarity in our vehicle certification process. We look forward to ongoing efforts to clarify and expand on California's lifesaving programs to control deadly pollution from mobile sources.

We thank you, the Board, and staff for all the progress that has been done to continue to protect our clean air programs. Please contact Mariela Ruacho at [Mariela.Ruacho@Lung.org](mailto:Mariela.Ruacho@Lung.org) with any questions.

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