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Clerk of the Board
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Advanced Clean Fleets 15-Day Comment Period Response

Chair Lauren Sanchez and Members of the California Air Resources Board:

We greatly appreciate the time and effort that has gone into the 15-day comment draft that has been published for public comment. While the goals of these regulations are laudable, the reality remains that we cannot safely serve our communities unless emergency support vehicles are exempted.

At the **San Joaquin County Mosquito & Vector Control District**, we serve a community of over **800,000 residents**, spanning **1,420 square miles with over 250,740 single family equivalent units (homes)**. Our community relies on us to provide comprehensive mosquito and vector-borne disease surveillance and control services throughout the San Joaquin County.

During emergencies, our vehicles must travel through various types of terrain and environments [i.e. pastures (dense vegetation), urban areas (potholes, constant stopping), agricultural land (unpaved roads), and riparian areas (slick roads / mud)]. During our peak mosquito season, (May-October) our fleet vehicles run on average from **10-12** hours at a time daily in **sub-par** conditions due to extreme heat and/or coarse landscapes.

To prevent unnecessary loss of life and property in the communities we serve, please reconsider the amendments respectfully requested in the October 7th letter submitted by the *California Special Districts Association, League of California Cities, and California State Association of Counties*, collectively representing our state's 5,000 local agencies and 40 million residents.

Local agencies like ours continue to do our part in achieving the State's climate and emissions goals. Our proposed amendments will enable us to better meet this challenge and effectively navigate the current Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) mandates and their associated ambitious compliance deadlines.

Of critical concern to our community, the ACF mandates on local agencies are creating unnecessary challenges in complying while maintaining the many critical services Californians rely upon for their most essential daily needs as well as during emergencies and disasters.

Vehicles that that need to be categorically exempted from the regulations the same manner as those found in **Part (c) of § 2013 of Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations** to include those vehicles that respond to, assist in and recover from disasters and emergencies that include: water utility vehicles, flood protection vehicles, sewer utility vehicles, electric utility vehicles, fire prevention vehicles, fire protection vehicles, search and rescue vehicles, and disease and vector control vehicles.

We respectfully request that you amend the ACF exemptions to allow our vehicles that support emergency (public health) services to continue serving our communities when we need them most.

Thank you for your consideration in this pertinent matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Omar H. Khweiss". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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