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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 have gone into the 15-day comment draft, which 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 Big Bear City Community Services District, we serve a mountainous community spanning 32.0 sq miles. Our community relies on us for Fire, Sewer, Wastewater, Water, and Solid Waste services. During emergencies, our vehicles must travel various terrain from paved roads to mountainous paths, up steep hills covered in snow and sleet, while navigating large variations between peak tourist time and quite off-season activity.

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 play 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 for compliance while maintaining the many critical services Californians rely on for their most essential daily needs, as well as during emergencies and disasters.

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

We respectfully request that you amend the ACF exemptions to allow our emergency service-supporting vehicles to continue serving our communities when we need them most.



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