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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 Fresno Mosquito and Vector Control District, we serve the cities of Fresno, Kerman, and several unincorporated areas spanning 279 square miles, encompassing nearly 107,000 parcels of land and 400,000 people. Our community relies on us for eradication of mosquitoes, disease testing, and special treatment of areas with critically ill patients suffering from mosquito-borne disease. During emergencies our vehicles must travel the span of our entire area, including throughout the Central Valley to assist other mosquito districts per mutual aid agreements.

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 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 those vehicles that respond to, assist in, and recover from disasters and emergencies including: [water and electric utility vehicles, flood protection vehicles, sewer 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 services to continue serving our communities when we, and our residents we serve, need them most.

Thank you for your consideration,

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