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Chair Mary Nichols and Members of the Board
California Air Resources Board
1001 "T" Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chair Nichols and Members of the Board:

I understand that these are challenging times, not only for the country but also for regulatory bodies such as the Air Resources Board. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to disrupt life as usual, many would try to use this crisis as an opportunity to increase their profits by slowing down or stopping regulatory processes altogether. Now is not the time to stop the important work you are engaged in. The rules you are advancing will benefit the people of the state of California, especially underserved communities that often bear the brunt of pollution. We encourage you to continue your work.

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters is in a unique situation. We represent thousands of workers in the delivery, transportation, warehouse and waste sectors. We want these businesses to grow and remain healthy. We also know that clean air, good jobs, and thriving businesses are possible when high road companies invest in clean technology. We recognize that pollution harms our members and their communities, and we encourage you to keep a steady focus on California's long-term emissions goals.

We have been made aware that your agency is being pressured by industry interests who are seeking to delay, weaken, or halt the rulemaking process. It is unacceptable and short-sighted that anyone would be asking for the ability to pollute in order to increase their profits at a time like this. Our communities deserve better. Low income communities of color have borne the brunt of industries' propensity to pollute, especially along the "Diesel Death Zone" in Southern California. It was only when labor, environmental, and community organizations joined together to hold these companies responsible that we began to see reductions in harmful pollution. We must not turn back the clock.

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We encourage the Air Resources Board to continue your important work and move this state towards its goal of zero-emissions and carbon neutrality. In the face of immense pressure, we will stand by ARB to protect the health and future of our members and the state of California.

We look forward to working with you in the future.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Herrera".

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