

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

February 22, 2024

The Honorable Michael Regan  
Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Administrator Regan:

We write to urge the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to allocate resources to ensure the prompt resolution and approval of California waiver and authorization requests pending before the Agency. Specifically, we call on EPA to quickly issue final decisions to approve the pending requests for the following California rules:

- In-Use Locomotive Regulation;
- Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation;
- 2016 and 2022 Amendments to the Small Off-Road Engine regulations;
- 2022 Amendments to the Commercial Harbor Craft Regulation;
- Advanced Clean Cars II Regulations;
- 2022 Amendments to the Transportation Refrigeration Unit Regulation; and
- 2022 Amendments to the In-Use Off-Road Diesel-Fueled Fleets Regulation

Acknowledging that some of these requests have only recently been submitted to EPA, we nonetheless ask EPA to prioritize their review and expeditiously grant the full and unconditional waivers. We appreciate that EPA has listened to communities and has already taken significant actions to improve California air quality by issuing an authorization for California's Ocean-Going Vessels At-Berth rule and a final rule related to locomotive preemption. Despite these vital steps, EPA has critical work to complete, especially for the transportation and goods movement sectors.

In the United States, transportation is the leading source of greenhouse gas emissions and a large source of air pollution, worsening the climate crisis and harming the public health of our communities. Under the Clean Air Act, Congress granted California permission to adopt state standards that are more protective than federal standards given the compelling and extraordinary air quality conditions affecting California residents. The waiver provision also allows California to innovate advanced solutions to address emissions from the transportation sector. According to stakeholders' analysis of California Air Resource Board data, the California regulations that need EPA authorization to move forward could save nearly 9,000 lives and over \$75 billion in health benefits.

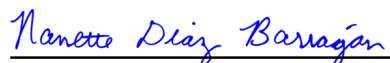
Once EPA grants a waiver, other states may adopt these protective standards as well. Therefore, approval of these outstanding requests is critical not only for the health of California residents, but for the ability of other states to adopt these life-saving measures to reduce pollution and address the climate crisis.

We strongly urge EPA to take the necessary steps to accelerate these requests. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



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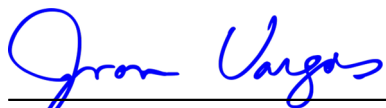
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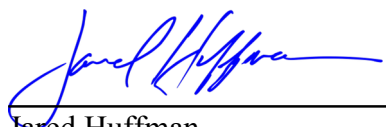
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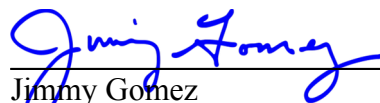
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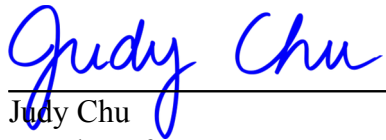
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