



June 16, 2014

The Honorable Mike Gatto, Chair
 Assembly Appropriations Committee
 1020 N St., Room 112
 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1204 (Lara and Pavley) Clean Truck, Bus & Off-Road Vehicle and Equipment Technology - Support

Dear Chairman Gatto and Committee Members:

The undersigned health and medical organizations write to express our support for SB 1204, which creates the Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle and Equipment Technology program to reduce emissions that harm lung health and contribute to climate change.

Our organizations strongly support California’s clean air and climate leadership and believe that SB 1204 is an important tool for reducing the harms caused by emissions from heavy duty diesel engines. As with the vitally important California Air Resources Board Truck and Bus regulation, SB 1204 provides a real opportunity to reduce health risks to all Californians, and especially those living in close proximity to major pollution hot spots like our major freeways, ports, distribution centers and rail yards.

In coordination with the California Energy Commission, the California Air Resources Board would administer SB 1204 programs with funding from AB 32 Cap and Trade auction proceeds. This bill would

pursue critical greenhouse gas, diesel particulate and black carbon pollution reductions through investment in zero- and near-zero emission vehicle technologies. A key component of SB 1204 will be the priority given to projects that provide emission reduction benefits to California's most disadvantaged communities, where health is already suffering due to higher pollution exposures.

Our organizations strongly support SB 1204 as an efficient and much-needed tool for cutting both deadly diesel emissions and climate pollution while also advancing California's clean technology innovation leadership.

Sincerely,

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