

## Oct. 24 Proposed Meeting Talking Points

### California Air Resources Board Meeting

**The agenda item is likely to be called around 11 am or immediately after the lunch hour.**

**Background:** The board will consider staff recommendations to amend the Advanced Clean Truck regulations at this meeting. The meeting reflects the recognition that the Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) regulation and the Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Omnibus (HD Omnibus) regulations have slowed the importation of the HD truck chassis, perhaps to historic lows. Not even a year after the regulations were enacted, manufacturers have yet to build electric trucks that support the range, performance, and safety standards required of most heavy-duty trucks. So, when assembly lines are not rolling off commercial Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEV) trucks in mass, manufacturers must generate more credits to support the current demand for combustion engine trucks. While we can appreciate CARB's recognition that the regulations are not functioning as intended, the lack of transparency will not reveal whether the amendments being considered at the meeting will work. As the manufacturing and sale of towing and recovery trucks come to a standstill, time is not on our side.

**Your Request:** Ask CARB to exempt towing and recovery trucks until the regulations work as intended and truck inventories sufficiently increase to meet demand.

#### Meeting Format

At the meeting in Sacramento or by Zoom, each speaker will have 2 minutes to make remarks once the agenda item is called. To be persuasive, you should humanize the impact on your businesses and employees. While we provide suggested talking points, share your concerns in your own words.

#### Suggested Talking Points

- State your name and, if applicable, your business and the number of people you employ.
- Emphasize that these are skilled jobs that don't require a college degree. What is the background of your employees – no college, minority communities, etc.
- If cleaner new trucks cannot be built or sold in California, explain the impact on your business, employees, and, most importantly, California motorists.
- If the regulations are to serve as a national model, the Newsom Administration must achieve its climate change goals without putting people out of work, importing higher-emission used trucks from out of state, or threatening vital roadway safety services.
- Thank the staff for recognizing that the regulations are not functioning as intended.
- However, as drafted, the regulations and the proposed amendments will not help the industry build new, lower-emission trucks in California.
- Until the regulations are fixed and truck imports meet current demand, towing and recovery trucks, like government-owned towing vehicles, should be exempt from the regulations.
- Thank you.