



August 24, 2018

Re: AB 2061 (Frazier), Clean Truck Deployment Act – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown,

We the undersigned companies and organizations write to respectfully request your signature for Assembly Bill 2061, the Clean Truck Deployment Act, which will remove a critical barrier for commercial fleet operators to adopt clean heavy-duty vehicles by providing a 2,000-pound weight exemption for zero-emission (ZE) and near-zero-emission (NZE) vehicles on California’s roads.

California has set aggressive goals for greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction and air quality improvement.^[1] Central to achieving these goals is accelerating the commercialization of clean transportation technologies. Heavy-duty vehicles are the most concentrated source of the state’s annual emissions from the transportation sector, causing 23% of transportation emissions while only making up just 3% of the vehicles.^[2] These emissions and air pollution disproportionately impact disadvantaged communities, especially those located along ports and freight corridors.

Most of California’s commercial heavy-duty vehicle operators are small businesses. For these fleet operators, the purchase of a heavy-duty vehicle is one of the largest investments they will make. The current weight restriction for NZE and ZE heavy-duty vehicles creates a disincentive for fleet operators to convert their fleets to cleaner alternatives.

In recognition of this, the federal government passed the FAST Act in 2014, allowing a 2,000-pound exemption for cleaner heavy-duty vehicles on the federal interstate highway system, and required states

^[1] For example, SB 350 (2015) and SB 32 (2017).

^[2] California Energy Commission (2015). Technology Merit Review: Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles.

to provide reasonable access for these heavier vehicles. Since then, 27 states have passed legislation to implement this requirement. Federal legislation under consideration now would grant a similar exemption to battery electric heavy-duty vehicles.

This exemption will help fleet operators convert to NZE and ZE vehicles, and will benefit us all by contributing to fewer vehicle miles traveled, reduced emissions, and improved air quality. Thank you for signing this common-sense legislation and critical climate policy into law.

Sincerely,

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