



September 16, 2019

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
 Governor of California
 State Capitol, Room 1173
 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 210 (Leyva): Heavy-Duty Inspection and Maintenance Program – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the undersigned health and medical organizations, we are writing to request that you sign Senate Bill 210 (Leyva) into law. We view SB 210 as a critical step forward in protecting public health in California against harmful pollution caused by heavy duty trucks.

Californians face some of the highest levels of air pollution in the United States, according to the American Lung Association’s 2019 *State of the Air* report. Over 90 percent of Californians live in areas impacted by unhealthy air, and the transportation sector is by far the leading source. Heavy duty trucks make up a significant share of the pollution burdens that impact local health and quality of life, including increased risk of asthma attacks, emergency room visits and hospitalizations, lung cancers, heart attacks and strokes and premature death. Children, seniors, residents living with heart and lung disease and disadvantaged communities located near diesel hotspots face greater risks.

California continues to make significant progress in reducing harmful pollutants through strong emissions standards, but is missing a key component of a comprehensive program. SB 210 seeks to establish a heavy-duty truck “smog check”-type inspection and maintenance program to certify that the trucks on California roads are compliant with our clean air rules. Heavy duty trucks are a major source of ozone- and particle- forming pollution and a key source of toxic diesel exhaust that threatens health. SB 210 would push greater health protections in the form of heavy duty vehicle inspection programs similar to those required of passenger cars. SB 210 would require heavy duty vehicles to obtain a compliance certificate from the California Air Resources Board

and maintain compliance status in order to register the truck in California. Out of state trucks would be held to the same standard to ensure that compliant California trucks aren't at a disadvantage to any non-compliant vehicle operating on California roads.

Our organizations support SB 210 because it would address heavy duty truck emissions through a comprehensive program of vehicle inspection and maintenance, supporting cleaner air and better health for all Californians. We respectfully request that you to sign SB 210 into law.

Sincerely,

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