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RE: CHBC Comments on Clean Truck Fund Rate Workshop

Dear CAAP Team,

The California Hydrogen Business Council (CHBC)¹ appreciates the opportunity to offer comments on the Clean Truck Fund Rate Workshop held August 1, 2019.

The CHBC would like to provide overall support of the Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP) and the goal of transitioning all trucks and equipment to zero emission. We support the effort to create a mechanism to collect a specified rate from trucks entering the ports that do not meet the California Air Resources Boards' certification for near-zero engines.

This Clean Truck Fund rate should be high enough to make a difference in the subsequent use of the funds to incentivize zero emission trucks, such as hydrogen fuel cell electric trucks. The CAAP Team should consider applying a higher rate to truck engines that are the least compliant to accelerate the adoption of zero emission trucks.

We understand the perspective of the truck drivers in not wanting to pay out of their pocket for this new rate, as the financial burden should be put on the beneficial cargo owners. Large companies that use the facilities of the port for their economic benefit need to support the goal of a transition to zero emission trucks by 2035; this Clean Truck Fund rate is a necessary step in that direction.

We would be happy to answer any questions you may have about our comments. Please feel free to contact us.

Best regards,



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