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Subject: Proposed Rulemaking - Diesel Vehicle Idling; and Auxiliary Power Systems (#7-422) EPENDENT REGULATORY

Re: Proposed Rulemaking - Diesel Vehicle Idling; and Auxiliary Power Systems (#7-422)

The Environmental Quality Board (EQB) has received the following comments regarding the above-referenced proposed rulemaking.

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Please adjust the idling limits for passenger Motor Coaches from 15 minutes to One Hour allowing pre-trip warm-ups or cool-downs up to One Hour. I am all for improving air quality and saving millions of gallons of diesel fuel. For the last three years, I drove a passenger Motor Coach for Private Trips. Early on, I was told by veteran drivers, 'it can take up to an hour to cool down a bus on very hot summer days or warm up a bus on very cold winter days'. I have since found that to be true. Once the bus is full, if the cooling or heating is off for over 15 minuets, it can become unbearable for the passengers during extreme weather. I am a strong believer in conservation and don't like to waste anything. Especially not expensive fuel or creating air pollution, but this regulation, as it is currently written, is unrealistic. I take a quilt in the winter to keep warm waiting for passengers. In the summer I sit or lay out in the shade of the bus to keep cool not having to run the engine. However, this regulation provides no relief for the passengers. Please consider adjusting the limits to allowing pre-trip warm-ups or cool-downs to One Hour. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I look forward to your response.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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