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The Honorable Anthony Foxx
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Dear Administrator McCarthy and Secretary Foxx,

On behalf of Cleantech San Diego, thank you for your dedication to implementing stringent yet achievable fuel efficiency and emission standards for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles. The new proposed rules for model year 2021 to 2027 vehicles position America as a leader in making the transportation sector cleaner and more energy efficient. The new standards will save consumers and businesses money on fuel costs, reduce the economic and national security threats due to oil dependence, and spur the development of new technologies to make medium- and heavy-duty vehicles more efficient.

Nationwide, the transportation sector makes up 70 percent of all oil consumption and accounts for almost 30 percent of greenhouse gas emissions. In California, that number is higher: almost 40 percent of greenhouse gas emissions come from transportation. And while medium- and heavy-duty trucks only make up 7 percent of all vehicles on the road, they consume 25 percent of the fuel used by all vehicles. The trucking industry presents a significant opportunity for improvement in the form of fuel efficiency, electrification, alternative fuels, and countless other forms of innovative clean technologies.

San Diego is one of the nation's leading regions in adopting clean transportation and the numbers back it up – we have one of the nation's highest levels of electric vehicle drivers per capita. At Cleantech San Diego, we strive to position the greater San Diego region as a globally recognized leader in the cleantech economy, specifically in the innovation and adoption of clean technologies and sustainable business practices. We fully support these new standards, which incentivize the development of clean technologies that will create jobs and propel the trucking industry to drive us toward a cleaner future.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments and for your work proposing strong fuel efficiency and greenhouse gas emission standards for medium- and heavy-duty trucks. We strongly encourage the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Transportation to finalize strong phase two standards for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles in 2016.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Anderson", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jason Anderson
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