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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Recommended Veto of SB 210 (Leyva)

Dear Governor Newsom:

I respectfully write to request your veto of Senate Bill 210, which requires the Air Resources Board (ARB) to adopt and implement the Heavy-Duty Inspection and Maintenance Program for heavy-duty diesel vehicles over 14,000 pounds.

There are some questions about whether or not this bill is actually needed in light of existing inspection programs. California already subjects heavy-duty vehicles to regular inspection and emission controls. Creating a full-blown smog check program for California's trucking industry is duplicative of the efforts already undertaken by the legislature and the ARB. Additionally, this bill makes it a mechanical violation to operate a truck if the check engine light is illuminated. This could cause problems for trucks hauling sensitive cargos such as livestock, produce, or frozen goods. While the bill does provide a grace period of no less than 75 days for the issue to be resolved for agricultural vehicles, there are some agricultural industries that are not tied to a single growing season and would not be properly addressed by the 75 day grace period.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your veto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Grove". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light gray rectangular background.

Shannon Grove
Senate Republican Leader