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AIR BOARD FUEL MANDATE THREATENS CALIFORNIA RECOVERY

Sacramento, CA – The California Trucking Association (CTA) released the following statement on the California Air Resources Board (CARB) proposed adoption of amendments to the Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS).

“California trucking companies have faced a number of major and rapid disruptions to their businesses at the hands of CARB,” said Michael Shaw, Vice President of External Affairs for the California Trucking Association. “Now CARB wants to impose a new fuel standard that even under the best of circumstances would lead to higher fuel prices for trucks and cars in the short term and possible fuel shortages in the future.

“The California Energy Commission tagged the LCFS with an annual cost to California of more than \$4 billion. How can CARB impose a major drag on our economy at a time when California’s unemployment rate still hovers at almost 12 percent?

“CARB’s LCFS mandate also fails to provide any safety net against biodiesel blended fuels that exceed national standards and may damage engines or reduce their efficiency. Until CARB can provide independently verifiable data that this new fuel mandate will not impose a massive financial burden on truckers and Californians, we ask CARB to pull back and take a more reasoned approach.”

The California Trucking Association supports the research and development of alternative fuel technologies and encourages CARB to continue working down that path. However, it must be done in a responsible manner with a very strong consideration for economic impacts to truckers and the economy as a whole.

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The California Trucking Association promotes leadership in the California motor carrier industry, advocates sound transportation policies to all levels of government, and works to maintain a safe, environmentally responsible and efficient California transportation goods movement system.