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Assemblyman Roger Niello
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Dear Assemblyman Niello,

I am writing you again, to ask for your help. I have a few questions and I hope that you will respond. I am desperate, like I am sure are thousands of others in the trucking industry.

A State of California regulatory board has mandated that I discontinue doing business in this state.

Is it possible that the State of California and the California Air Resources Board can take my private property by mandated regulation? Are there private property rights in this state? Why will it not possible to legally operate my equipment when it meets all safety and emissions standards for the model year it was manufactured? Why would someone spend \$20,000 to \$70,000 to retrofit a truck that is valued at \$30,000? That would not be prudent. Can you, as my legislative representative explain this to me?

The vehicle that I am referring to is not some smoke spewing so called dirty diesel big rig, but at 1998 Class 8 transfer dump truck with low mileage and in very good condition that would normally be valued at about \$80,000. This vehicle has not even reached its half life. My business was off 50% in 2008 and 80% in 2009 and 2010 will not be any better. The business asset (the truck) is now a toxic asset, but I continue servicing the debt to maintain my credit worthiness. I cannot afford to comply with these regulations now or ever. CARB's actions have destroyed the resale value of my property, even before the regulations were implemented.

Current economic conditions dictate the immediate repeal of AB 32. Cap and trade is just wrong. I ask you, is 12% unemployment is not high enough for our elected representatives? It has decimated tax revenue, and we hard working, former taxpaying individuals are no longer contributing to the tax rolls. People are leaving the State of California and we are the backbone of the economy. Do you think that this is right?

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Our politicians allow the California Air Resources Board to continue their politically driven misinformation campaign to damage us beyond belief. Their lead scientist was suspended, after being found out that his PhD was not from UC Davis but purchased online from a diploma mill. We should trust this government agency? This board needs to be disbanded and use their \$857million budget to better the business environment in California instead of driving more jobs out of state. I am sure that you would support that action.

As a member of the California Dump Truck Owners Association, also a strong supporter of www.killcarb.org and the Pacific Legal Foundation, I will make every effort to help achieve our goals. As a supporter that gave you my vote in several elections, tell me, you are someone with the fortitude to do what is just and right to rectify this situation.

On this anniversary of the **9.11** tragedy we need to work together, whether Democrat or Republican like we did on **9.12**.

Very respectfully yours,

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