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Attention all California RV owners,

The State of California recently updated its Heavy-Duty Inspection and Maintenance Program (HD I/M). Under these new regulations, motorhomes registered outside California are not subject to the HD I/M Program, but California-registered motorhomes will be required to undergo compliance testing once annually when the periodic testing requirements phase in during 2024. This decision will have an extreme adverse impact on many of our members who proudly reside in California. These residents enjoy traveling within their state and spending their tourism dollars there, but this regulation may well cause many of them to abandon camping entirely.

Unlike commercial vehicles, motorhomes are generally owned by individuals of relatively modest means, and many can still be in use after 20 to 25 years. The cost to retrofit these engines to meet the new standards would, in many cases, be completely out of reach for these individual owners. Many older people love to travel but are no longer capable of "tent camping" or other more strenuous methods. Some have medical devices such as oxygen generators or CPAP machines that require a steady supply of electricity. Others have breathing issues that preclude their sleeping in hot weather without air conditioning. Their motorhomes are essential to their enjoyment of camping and travel.

Furthermore, I submit that air quality will not be significantly improved by requiring the motorhomes to comply with these regulations. While California DMV shows over 12,658,000 commercial and privately owned trucks registered in California, it does not appear to maintain data on the number of motorhomes. The best data available was from the RV Industry Association (RVIA), which reports that 11% of the households in

California own some type of recreational vehicle (RV) (note this is all RVs, not just motorhomes.) So, the maximum number of RVs in the state would be 1,453,934, and the number of motorhomes would be significantly less.

The emissions from this relatively small number of motorhomes, used sporadically by vacationers, would pale in comparison to the emissions of over 12 million trucks used daily in commerce and deliveries. While I understand the concerns in California about air quality and support overall efforts to improve it, inclusion of motorhomes in these requirements will result in a definite hardship to California residents without a corresponding increase in air quality.

It has been requested that the California Air Resources Board reconsider the inclusion of motorhomes registered in California in the Heavy-Duty Inspection and Maintenance Program.

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