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Mr. Calfee,

Please accept my comments to the public record c records as the state proposes to change CEQA.

1) Please do not remove the measure of "traffic congestion" and replaced it with the measure of with "vehicle miles traveled." Vehicle miles traveled must be in addition to the "impact of congestion." For example, a property near a congested traffic intersection, will continue to experience choking emissions from vehicles idling at intersections, waiting for red lights, and the distance of travel is irrelevant to that emission on local human lungs, especially in urban areas where children live with high vehicle density. Port traffic is a good example where diesel trucks line up for miles and idle. Data is clear that humans who live near highly congested traffic areas have the highest rates of asthma and lung cancer. As a state, we need to do more to create human distance from vehicle congested zones which are the equivalent of carbon monoxide clouds. Do not remove "vehicle congestion" form the California Environmental Quality Act. The state must continue to consider this serious condition for children who breathe auto fume because their home is near a congested freeway or intersections.

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