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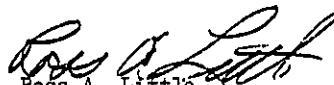
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Subject: ONA C Docket 81-02 (Medium and Heavy Trucks) ANR-190, U.S.

I oppose the amendment of the EPA Medium and Heavy Truck Noise Standards by rescinding the 80dB(A) noise limit. We believe the 80 dB(A) limit should remain in effect. The extended time periods will allow manufacturers to solve the problems with the noisy models. The medium trucks, by the way, are the garbage and delivery trucks which annoy most people.

California Vehicle Code, Section 27205, requires new medium and heavy trucks manufactured after January 1, 1981, to produce noise levels of no more than 80 dB(A). I am not convinced that the truck manufacturers cannot meet these levels by the date specified in California law. However, I, personally, would not oppose allowing the time to slip by one year as EPA has done, however, I do oppose dropping the 80dB(A) limit altogether.

Sincerely,


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