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October 8, 2021

Ms. Liane Randolph  
Chairwoman, California Air Resources Board  
PO Box 2815  
Sacramento, CA 95812

RE: CARB's commercial harbor craft regulations

Dear Chairwoman Randolph,

I am writing to express some feedback over the Air Board's pending airborne toxic control measures for commercial harbor craft ("CHC") ("the proposed rule"). As currently proposed, these pending regulations could have significant impacts to the commercial charter fishing and whale watching vessel owners, ports, and coastal communities.

I strongly believe in protective air quality standards, and reducing air pollution to the greatest extent possible. I do have concerns about the timing of the new proposed rule and how it might impact small businesses on the Central Coast. Tourism is one of the biggest industries in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties, accounting for \$56 million in annual tax revenues, and \$1.9 billion in total visitor-related spending in South Santa Barbara County alone. The COVID-19 pandemic brought the tourism industry to a complete halt, and it is still in the process of building back. It is more important than ever to consider how new regulations can be feasible and affordable to small businesses.

We have also heard concerns that these proposed regulations could impact the only public passenger service to the Chanel Islands National Park, making it nearly impossible for the public to access the park.

I would like to urge CARB to conduct further engagement and work with both the maritime industry and other interested parties on viable solutions that will ensure that our local CPFV Companies are allowed to continue to operate while also on a schedule to reduce air emissions.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monique Limón".

**MONIQUE LIMÓN**  
Senator, 19<sup>th</sup> District