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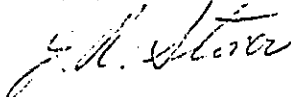
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Mr. Henry E. Thomas
Director
Standards and Regulation Division
United States Environmental Protection
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Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. Thomas:

We are responding to your March 24 letter requesting our comments on whether or not the 80 dB noise regulation should be rescinded. Eaton Corporation supports the rescinding of the 80 dB regulation for medium and heavy trucks. It is our opinion that the social benefits that can realistically be expected from the 80 dB regulation are not sufficient to justify the economic investment required by the industry.

Very truly yours,



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