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Director  
Standards and Regulations Division  
Attention: ONAC Docket 81-02  
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. Director:

I oppose the new noise emission regulation regarding heavy duty diesel trucks. Implementation of this regulation would push up the already too high price of new trucks in an industry whose sales were down by almost 50% last year. There is no way it can be justified under a costs benefit analysis.

Everyone is served by the trucking industry since nearly all commodities are shipped by truck. Many of the miles driven are in unpopulated areas as any trip coast to coast will surely exhibit. The SST which must land and take off over densely populated areas, and which serves only a few is deemed acceptable in noise levels. This seems somewhat unjust.

I think your attention should be focused on the very damaging effects of radar on the environment and particularly truck drivers and others who spend their days on the road such as traveling salesmen. We are constantly bombarded by radar every working day of our lives. In one eight hour day I was bombarded by radar at least 20 times. When the United States Embassy in Moscow was bombarded by microwaves, there was a public outcry on the danger involved, yet I'd love to measure the amount of radar bombarded on highway users on any typical day. I'm sure even you would be amazed by the result and I'm concerned about the long term effect of this.

In short, I oppose the new noise emission regulation and feel your time could be spent better on some very potentially dangerous problems such as radar bombardment on highway users.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen E. Saunders

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