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All About CARB

The California Air Resources Board, or

CARB was established in 1967. According to the board's charter, they are charged to oversee "the effective and efficient reduction of air pollutants while recognizing and considering the effects on the economy of the state."

In 2008, a ruling came down from CARB that would severely restrict the diesel truck operation in the state. The ruling required operators to purchase very expensive retrofit kits for their exhaust systems or replace their trucks entirely, depending on the age of the vehicle.

Coupled with an economic recession, and the resulting loss of revenue, the CARB ruling presented truck operators with a bill most couldn't afford to pay.

Some estimates put the price tag at more than 4.5 billion dollars.

Last year, it came to light that CARB's chief researcher, who assembled the data upon which the 2008 ruling was based, received his doctorate from a diploma mill and may have faked other academic credentials.



On December 9th, 2009, it all came to a head at a CARB board meeting. Representatives from dozens of trucking companies, along with several state assembly members arrived to voice their opposition to the ruling and ask the board to delay its implementation.

California Assemblyman Bill Berryhill, one of the assemblymen present, said, "the recent study completed by Sacramento State University on the economic impact of regulation to the state found that the total cost of the regulation in 2007 was nearly half a trillion dollars, or more than five times our annual budget, costing us nearly 4 million jobs."

"I ask you, is this healthy for this state? Is it healthy to have more children whose parents can't provide them adequate health care because we've put them out of business?," Assemblyman Berryhill continued.

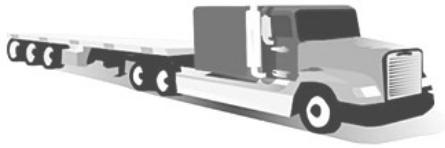
"I also find it very troubling that this Board would consider implementing regulations based on the work of a staffer who was fraudulent in asserting the very qualifications that they needed to do the work," the assemblyman added.

Assemblymen Berryhill concluded that the study upon which the CARB ruling was based was "not authored by a single professional statistician," and such a study "requires valid statistical and scientific research."

At the conclusion of the meeting, the CARB board members directed their staff to study the implementation of the ruling and the study upon which it is based. Their preliminary reports are due in April 2010.

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AB32: The Root of the Problem?

The Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, also called “AB32,” was passed August 31, 2006.

It gave the California Air Resources Board the authority and responsibility to track greenhouse gas emissions in California, and lower those emissions by 25% by 2020.

It also gave CARB the power to adopt regulations to meet this goal, and it is under this authority, granted by AB32 that CARB wrote the diesel/catalytic converter regulations.



**California
Jobs Initiative**

**Effort to
Suspend
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On November
25, 2009, US

Congressman Tom McClintock and Assemblyman Dan Logue submitted a ballot initiative to the California Attorney General’s Office for the 2010 ballot.

The bill, called the “California Jobs Initiative,” if passed, will temporarily suspend AB32, until such a time that California’s unemployment rate is below 5.5% for four consecutive quarters.

According to the text of the proposed initiative, AB32 was passed when California’s unemployment rate was 4.8%.

When the initiative was submitted, California’s unemployment rate was 12%, and today the rate is 13.2% and still climbing.

The text of the initiative states that continuing implementation of AB32 will cost small business in California “billions of dollars with increases in the price of gasoline, electricity, food and water thereby, slowing economic recovery and job creation.”

More information about the California Jobs Initiative and the effort to suspend AB32, and to download and sign a petition go to:

**www.jobs2010ca.com
www.suspendab32.org
www.getcaliforniabacktowork.com**



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