

**August 25, 2010 Comments on the EPA CASAC Particulate Matter Review Panel Draft Letter on  
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Good Morning committee members and Dr. Stallworth. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you this morning. My name is Sean Edgar, I'm the Executive Director of the Clean Fleets Coalition, based in Sacramento, California, representing vocational truck associations and their owners throughout the state.

I speak to you this morning with the lens of having functioned for the last 10 years on fleet rules issued by the California Air Resources Board. I've been working in public policy for the last 20 years. I confess to being a political scientist not a, not an air quality scientist. And I would like to just reference in my limited time, the February 2010 symposium that was held in Sacramento, sponsored by the Air Resources Board and attended by many members of academia.

I'll root this reference to that meeting by saying that I am a product of the University of California, having earned a degree in Political Science at UC Berkeley. And not since my time on campus in the 1980's have I found so much controversy and shall I say, dissension amongst academics relevant to the issue that you are discussing today. And I would encourage the committee to thoroughly review the remarks, especially those of Dr. James Entrom and those of Dr. Robert Phalen in your deliberations on whatever letter that you propose to issue to federal EPA because that symposium, in my mind, created a significant amount of, of, of new information that has been unseen or unheard for the last 10 years that I have been working on fleet rules.

I've had the fortune or misfortune to work on every fleet rule that the Air Resources Board has done for the last 10 years and in, in that time span, all of the science that has been used to justify those rules was characterized as rock solid, it was with a extremely high level of confidence that there was good public policy outcomes and good public health outcomes as a result of the rules. And the February 2010 symposium really opened my eyes and I think that there really needs to be a full understanding by the committee and you Dr. Stallworth on exactly what was said and particularly Dr. Enstrom, who I believe will be on the call today, and Dr. Phalen who I know is on the call, really have a wealth of knowledge to contribute.

So with that, I'll conclude my remarks just to say that public health science and air quality science is what you all are charged to work in. The space that I work in, political science, has real consequences to real people in the real economy today and I would encourage adding to the remarks of Mr. Goldstein, Mr. Brown and Mr. Davis that the work you do is extremely important. We ask that you fully deliberate it and the symposium that I referenced from February 2010.