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The Honorable Senator Leyva  
State Capitol, Room 4061  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 210 (Leyva) Privacy: Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program**  
**AAP-CA Position: Support**

Dear Senator Leyva,

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAP-CA), representing over 5,000 California pediatricians, strongly supports your proposed legislation SB 210 to develop and implement a Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program for non-gasoline heavy-duty onroad motor vehicles.

Children, in general, are particularly susceptible to the effects of motor vehicle pollution. Ambient air pollution, particularly pollution from motor vehicles, increases respiratory tract complications such as wheezing, coughing, asthma hospitalizations, and allergic reactions. Some childhood cancers are being linked to proximity to traffic. Lowering the amount of ambient air pollution has been shown to have a positive impact on children's health, reducing asthma complications and increasing lung function.

Californians face some of the highest levels of air pollution in the United States and heavy duty trucks make up a significant share of the pollution burdens that impact local health and quality of life. Heavy duty trucks are a major source of ozone- and particle- forming pollution and a key source of toxic diesel exhaust.

SB 210 would develop and implement a heavy duty vehicle inspection program similar to those required of passenger cars, requiring heavy duty vehicles to obtain a compliance certificate from the California Air Resources Board to register a truck in California. Out of state trucks would be held to the same standard to ensure that compliant California trucks aren't at a disadvantage to any non-compliant vehicle operating on California roads. SB 210 would help lower the amount of ambient air pollution and thereby protect children from some of pollution's adverse effects.

Pediatrician members of AAP California Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4 statewide strongly support your proposed legislation SB 210. Thank you for your public service and leadership on behalf of the health and wellbeing of children, youth, and families in California.

Sincerely,

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cc: AAP-CA Leadership; Lobbyist Lydia Bourne