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RE: Comments on Senate Bill 69, An act Relating to Warehouse Clean Act.

Dear Governor Newsom, Senate President pro Tempore, and Assembly speaker,

We are writing on behalf of the Natural Resources Defense Council in support of Senate Bill 69, the Warehouse Clean Air Act, which supports important measures to decrease the impact of pollution and diesel-powered trucks statewide in California. This bill directly addresses warehouse procedures and the impact of heavy diesel usage concerning air quality.

Senate Bill 69 addresses the need for regulations for warehouses and encourages more methods and standards for such warehouses to shift current practices commonly used. This includes giving more guidelines for large warehouses to incorporate better methods and technologies, such as solar panels. This is not only a way to better protect the environment, but also a broader way to protect communities from poor air quality and other environmental concerns. Often, those living in areas in proximity are lower-income and minority communities, meaning they are subject to the most impact from warehouses, deepening existing disparities in quality of life.

The Bill includes enforcing clean air standards for warehouses larger than 100,000 square feet, as established in a given year. Notably, it gives key criteria for warehouses to meet the standards of the State Air Resources Board. This includes the addition of solar panels, paying a mitigation fee to the Community Air Fund, and adopting zero-emission yard equipment among other compliance options.

The Community Air Fund is also another key aspect of the bill, which is the creation of a fund by the state treasury paid by warehouses and meant to place funds back into the community

impacted, clearly stated by the bill that “Money from the fund shall be spent within 10 miles of the warehouse that paid it.”

Bill 69 purposely elaborates on such requirement to better support the most impacted communities. The bill would direct 60% of the annual fund payments to support communities within the highest 25% pollution burden on CalEnviroScreen. These funds are meant to reinvest into the community in the form of creating funding air filter systems, electric charging stations, among other options.

This cycle, Senate Bill 69 recognizes the need to hold corporations to higher standards and protect against the heavy use of diesel-powered vehicles in California, which contributes to pollution and lowers air quality. Furthermore, diesel trucks produce around 30-50% of nitrogen oxide emissions on California roads, according to the OEHHA. This is despite the fact that diesel trucks account for around 6% of vehicles on California roads.

In September 2026, Senate Bill 1213 passed and was signed by the governor with the goal to create a better market for zero-emission trucks. This bill was a win for California and its environment. Bill 69 would further these efforts to improve accessibility for cleaner vehicles, and more specifically clean air trucks.

The Natural Resources Defense Council remains dedicated in safeguarding the Earth and the people. Creating more protections for clean air creates more protections for the general public health and those most impact. Senate Bill 69 proposes clear measures and requirements for bigger companies to abide by and give clear directions to transition into establishing better practices by larger warehouses and therefore bettering the environment.

The state has positioned the eventual objective of transitioning to zero emissions. However, current circumstances require short-term amendments and should not be pushed into a longer-term goal. We highly support Bill 69 and ask for the legislature to move on such bill.

Thank you for your consideration as we await your support.

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