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The Honorable Catherine Blakespear
Chair, Senate Environmental Quality Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 3230
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1436 (Ávila Farías), Private fleet exclusion under the Advanced Clean
Fleets Regulation – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Blakespear,

I am writing on behalf of the Kern County Board of Supervisors to express our support for AB 1436 (Ávila Farías), which would bring much needed clarity and fairness to how the state regulates vehicle fleets.

AB 1436 clarifies that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) may regulate private trucking fleets only after obtaining the necessary approval from the federal government. Federal law establishes this requirement. Because CARB has not yet received this authorization, the agency does not currently have the legal basis to apply these regulatory provisions to private fleet operators.

Recently, CARB has proposed changes to the Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) regulation that would place new responsibilities on cities and counties by making them enforce these rules through their contracts with private companies, for example, waste haulers, recycling services, and heavy-equipment providers. These proposals would force local governments to monitor and police private fleets, adding major administrative burdens while also exposing both counties and contractors to legal risk.

This approach creates serious problems for communities like ours because:

- Many of our essential service providers, especially waste and recycling companies, operate under long-term contracts that were negotiated years ago. Changing the rules in the middle of those contracts would require costly renegotiations or could even disrupt services our residents rely on.
- Smaller local businesses may not be able to absorb these sudden new costs, potentially pushing them out of the market and leaving counties with fewer, more expensive options.
- Ultimately, these added expenses would be passed down to the public through higher rates for basic services.

AB 1436 offers a clear and practical solution by confirming what federal law already requires, prevents legally questionable mandates from taking effect, and gives counties and private operators the certainty they need to plan responsibly.

Kern County supports clean-air progress, but regulations must be workable, lawful, and fair to the communities that must carry them out. AB 1436 ensures that California moves forward in a way that protects both our residents and our essential public-service partnerships.

For these reasons, the Kern County Board of Supervisors supports this measure and respectfully urges your committee to vote **YES on AB 1436**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Phillip Peters", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Phillip Peters, Chairman
Kern County Board of Supervisors

cc: Honorable Members, Senate Environmental Quality Committee
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