



January 4, 2024

The Honorable Juan Carrillo  
Chair, Assembly Local Government Committee  
1020 N Street, Room 157  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Public Health Support for AB 1000 (Reyes) Good Neighbor Policy**

Dear Chair Carrillo and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the undersigned health and medical organizations, we write to express our support for Assembly Bill 1000 (AB 1000, Reyes). This legislation seeks to protect local community health within the context of a growing logistics industry in Riverside and San Bernardino counties. AB 1000, the "Good Neighbor Policy," provides an opportunity to reduce and prevent exposures to carcinogenic diesel exhaust, associated health impacts and disparities in pollution burdens.

Californians face the most difficult air pollution challenges in the nation, with Riverside and San Bernardino ranking as the two most ozone-polluted ("smoggiest") counties in the United States. Within that context, many of our most vulnerable communities also bear exceptional burdens due to high concentrations of diesel exhaust. Too often, communities with lower incomes and communities of color experience increased exposure to this toxic air contaminant (TAC) due to the ongoing siting of major pollution sources near homes, schools, and other sensitive locations within underrepresented communities. Diesel exhaust can contribute to a wide range of negative health outcomes for those exposed. Asthma and other respiratory impacts, cardiovascular impacts, lung cancer, and premature death are associated with diesel exhaust exposure. These impacts represent a neighborhood-level impact caused by tens- to hundreds of thousands of daily truck trips generated by massive warehouse projects approved at the local level in the Inland Empire. These emissions also challenge our ability to attain health-protective ambient air quality standards in California.

AB 1000 calls for a minimum distance of 1,000 feet between new warehousing facilities of 100,000 square feet or more and sensitive receptors like homes, schools, and other places where people gather. AB 1000 would also ensure that any new facility approved by a local government within 500-1,000 feet of a sensitive receptor meets a range of technology and operational mitigations including zero-emission equipment and renewable energy, installation or availability of charging/refueling for zero-emission vehicles, including at loading docks, and idling restrictions. These health-based recommendations stem from the California Air Resources Board and California Department of Justice guidance and provide a basis for health protections in the face of major logistics operations' impacts on community residents.

Our organizations support AB 1000 to ensure that all communities in the Inland Empire are protected against major increases in truck traffic associated with expanded goods movement and logistics operations. The Good Neighbor Policy will provide an opportunity for communities

to breathe cleaner air as this industry continues to grow. Please contact Will Barrett with the American Lung Association with any questions or for additional information at [William.Barrett@Lung.org](mailto:William.Barrett@Lung.org).

Sincerely,

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