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Congressman Patrick Ryan
Newburgh District Office
605 Broadway
Newburgh, NY 12550

Representative Ryan,

I recently signed a group letter (attached) with other New York officials to the U.S. EPA in opposition to a proposal by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) mandating zero emissions locomotives. The time frame on this regulation is untenable. **While this is being driven by California it could open the door for other states to enact it as well.** This is problematic as the freight rail runs on a national interconnected network. Nearly three quarters of the locomotive fleet operates at some point in California. Additionally, the rule would ban the operation of any locomotive that is 23 years or older from operating in California, that's over 25,000 locomotives that would be obsolete. This will have a major affect on our supply chains and cause product shortfalls and increased prices.

New York is taking steps to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) of 2019. These aggressive goals to reduce GHG emissions 85% by 2050 are demanding but more achievable.

As a member of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee I hope you see the challenge that this proposal brings not only to the locomotive fleet as this technology is not yet commercially viable but also to the demands of supporting infrastructure that would be required. We have seen the electrical grid taxed without another commercial industry relying upon it. Please reject this proposal and consider contacting the EPA to do the same.

Sincerely,

David Plavchak
Supervisor, Town of Lloyd

Cc: Senator Charles Schumer
Senator Kristin Gillibrand