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Via Electronic Mail: <u>bbuchanan@buses.org</u>

Dear Mr. Buchanan:

Thank you for your public testimony given May 2, 2023, regarding the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) notice of proposed rulemaking, "Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Heavy-Duty Vehicles-Phase 3," (EPA-HQ-OAR-2022-0895). Administrator Regan asked that I respond to you on his behalf. In your testimony, you requested that EPA extend the comment period for the notice of proposed rulemaking.

The EPA has considered your request. The EPA considers the 50-day comment period for the heavy-duty vehicle proposal to be appropriate and to provide a meaningful opportunity to comment on the proposed rulemaking, and therefore is denying the request for extension. EPA posted a copy of the pre-Federal Register publication version of the notice of proposed rulemaking on the EPA website on the same day the proposal was announced publicly on April 12th, which provided the public with additional time to review the proposal prior to publication of the proposed rulemaking in the Federal Register. Including this opportunity for pre-publication review, the total amount of time for commenting amounts to 66 days. EPA conducted a multi-day public hearing for the notice of proposed rulemaking for the public to provide oral presentation of data, views, and arguments. In addition, EPA has met with stakeholders upon request about the proposal and will continue to do so for the remainder of the comment period.

We believe these actions provided sufficient avenues for stakeholders to provide their data, views, and arguments. Again, thank you for your public testimony. I appreciate the opportunity to be of service and trust the information provided is helpful.

Sincerely,

Joseph Goffman

Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator