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Senator Shannon Grove
1021 O Street, Room 7150
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Grove:

Homestead Valley Community Council writes in support of your legislation, SB 1356. This important bill will help fuel haulers safely transport vital resources throughout the state by allowing an additional 8,000 pounds of petroleum-based fuel per truck.

California's ports have experienced increased year-over-year levels of cargo volume. Despite the efforts by all sectors of the supply chain, the COVID pandemic has dramatically impacted the goods movement system in California and nationally. The pandemic has shown that it would be helpful for fuel haulers to be able to carry more fuel.

In certain circumstances, the state already allows haulers to exceed the 80,000 pound limit, for example vehicles transporting logs, cotton module movers or truck tractors pulling a semitrailer that is a cotton module mover. Fuel haulers should be allowed to safely use the same exemptions.

SB 1356 would take the Governor's temporary exemption and apply it permanently to all fuel trucks throughout the state by increasing the maximum gross weight for a vehicle or combination of vehicles transporting a load composed solely of a petroleum-based fuel from 80,000 to 88,000 pounds. By allowing this change the bill will also help the state improve its supply of fuel in times of need like during COVID and the fire season.

For all of the reasons stated above, Homestead Valley Community Council supports SB 1356.

Sincerely,

Jim Harvey
President, Homestead Valley Community Council
On behalf of HVCC