Diesel Truck Ban Role Play Scenario

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Scenario: The state government has been studying the problem of particulate matter pollution, and has decided that they should do something about it. After listening to different stakeholders, they have decided to consider a new law to ban diesel trucks from traveling through residential neighborhoods in the state by 2030. To consider this proposal, they will hold an open public meeting where different stakeholders will share their opinions with the state government committee. After the meeting they will vote on whether to move the bill forward.

Stakeholders:

The Committee Meeting:

* The state is considering a new low to ban diesel trucks from driving through residential neighborhoods in the state by 2020. The State Government Committee of Environment & Transportation is holding a hearing to get public comments before they vote on for or against the bill. Stakeholders are encouraged to attend to the meeting to provide input into the decision.

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What is your character’s name?

What is his/her role?

Do you want the committee to vote for the ban or against the ban?

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| When doing your research, consider your role. What kind of information should you know?  Here are some questions to consider researching:   * How many diesel trucks are used in the state? * What alternatives are there to diesel trucks? * How much do diesel trucks cost? How much would this alternative cost? * What can the state do to help make this cost lower? * Why kind of air pollution do diesel trucks emit? * What are the health effects of this pollution? * What is the effect of this pollution on the environment? |

My Statement (or questions for committee members):

Remember to consider your role, and to use evidence to support your argument.

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Hearing Notes Sheet

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| **Reasons to ban diesel trucks** | **Reasons NOT to ban diesel trucks** |
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Cast Your Vote!

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Now that you have heard arguments for and against banning diesel trucks from traveling through residential neighborhoods, it is time for you to cast your vote. Imagine YOU were on the government committee making the decision. You will need to provide evidence supporting why you voted one way or another.

Your statement should use evidence from the committee meeting and the rest of this investigation to support your decision. Your evidence should include:

* + - What particulate matter is and how it affects the human body
    - Where particulate matter comes from, including why it comes from diesel trucks
    - Any additional details required to support your argument for or against banning diesel trucks from traveling through residential neighborhoods

My vote (circle one): FOR the ban AGAINST the ban

My statement: