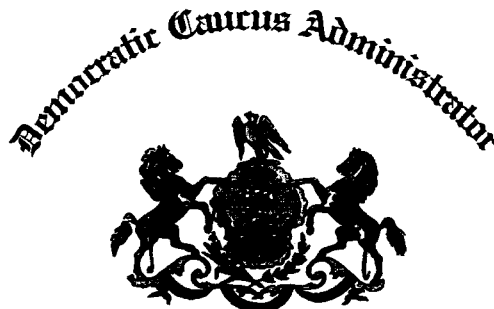


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Honorable Allen D. Biehler, PE
Secretary, Department of Transportation
8th Floor, Keystone Building
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Regulation #18-385 (IRRC #2347)
Department of Transportation
Vehicle Equipment and Inspection

Dear Secretary Biehler:

We are taking this means to bring to your attention our agreement with IRRC's comments on the above referenced regulations pertaining to emission inspections. While we understand the issues pertaining to the settlement with the Court system, we believe that those exemptions that apply to counties with emission inspection should indeed apply to those counties that are required to have only visual inspections.

Contained within Chapter 177 are various types of exemptions from emission inspections including "classic, antique or collectible vehicles" and "vehicles driven less than 5,000 miles in the previous twelve months." These vehicles are then not required to have any visual inspection or emission test when registered in a county that requires emission inspection. However, the exemptions under Chapter 175 are limited for safety inspection to "antique" and "specially constructed" vehicles. We are not advocating a change in safety inspection only consistency for emission purposes.

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During our previous meetings, there was a point made to ensure that current exemptions would remain in place. Our comments revolve around the appearance of inconsistencies amongst the counties.

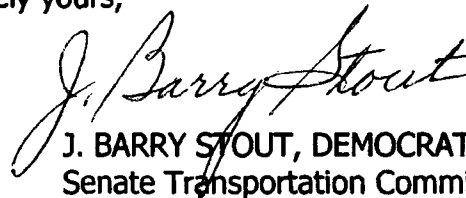
Your review and consideration of our comments would be deeply appreciated. Please feel free to contact us, if we can be of assistance in addressing these issues.

Sincerely yours,



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ROGER A. MADIGAN, CHAIRMAN
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