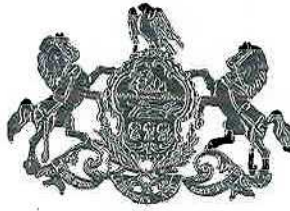


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Environmental Quality Board
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Dear Environmental Quality Board,

On behalf of the constituents of the 17th Senatorial District, I write in favor of implementing the Clean Car Program in Pennsylvania and its clean air standards for new vehicles that exceed weaker federal requirements.

Pennsylvania ranks among the worst states in the nation when it comes to air pollution. In addition to environmental damage, air pollution harms public health by aggravating respiratory ailments. One of the worst sources of this pollution is cars and trucks.

Technology that allows cars and trucks to run cleaner and reduce pollution should be mandated for new vehicles sold in Pennsylvania. The new regulations will ultimately reduce nitrogen oxide emissions by 9%, volatile compounds by as much as 12%, and have the long-term additional benefit of reducing emissions of toxics such as benzene. Over time the Clean Vehicles Program standards will have significantly greater environmental impact than the federal standards.

Again, on behalf of my constituents I urge you to move forward with the implementation of the Clean Vehicles Program. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Constance Williams

Constance H. Williams
State Senator
17th District

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