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Comments for the Environmental Quality Board Hearing

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My name is Thurman Brendlinger and I am a resident of Delaware County. I support the Pennsylvania Clean Vehicle Program and would like to see it implemented as soon as possible.

I am an avid bicycler. Not only do I ride on weekends, but I also commute to work two to three days per week. I share the road with vehicles that are a significant source of air pollution. The primary pollutants, carbon monoxide, oxides of nitrogen (NOx) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and the ozone that is formed by the reaction of the NOx and VOCs affect my breathing directly when I am riding. This effect is greater in the hotter, summer months.

The Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program would reduce that pollution significantly, much more quickly than the federal standards. It would also provide additional clean vehicle choices for Pennsylvania residents. You might even see more zero emission bicycles on the road if bikers did not have to contend with the current emissions from vehicle exhaust.

An additional benefit of the Clean Vehicles Program is the greenhouse gas emissions reductions that will be realized from the California Air Resources Board certification. I believe the drastic storms we have seen in the past decade are a result of global warming. I was directly affected by Hurricane Floyd in September, 2000 when my 14 year old, Delaware County company was flooded and I was put out of business. It was devastating for me but even more so for the Delaware County residents that lost their homes in the disaster. Hurricane Floyd and more recently Hurricane Rita are just the beginning unless we do something to halt global warming. The Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program would be a good start toward mitigating the problem.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my thoughts on the Pennsylvania Clean Vehicle Program. I reiterate my support of the program and hope for swift implementation.

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