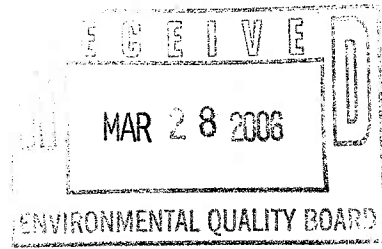


To: The Environmental Quality Board
From: Anne Moscony
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RE: Clean Vehicles Program

Ladies and Gentleman:

I am here today to show my support for the Department of Environmental Protection's Clean Vehicles Program and to encourage implementation of this program as soon as possible.

I'm am here today because I have four children, ages 12 to 20, and 22 nieces and nephews, ages 1 to 27. About a fifth of them have asthma and allergies debilitating enough that they have difficulty at times participating in sports and sporting events with their cousins and their classmates. When I care for them, when their parents go out for the evening, I need to know how to use an inhaler, how to respond to a respiratory emergency, how to do CPR. Now, I'm a health professional, so I'm trained in this at work, but my parents aren't. What's it like to be a grandparent, and be afraid to care for your grandchild, because he or she might go into respiratory distress doing your watch?

Pennsylvania has been consistently ranked in the one of the top ten percent of states for air pollution. According to the most recent Reader's Digest report, Philadelphia scored 14th among the top 50 largest US cities for air pollution. (Higher numbers reflected cleaner cities; therefore, Philadelphia was pitifully low on this study. This study did not look at smaller cities or towns; therefore it simply reflects that among large cities, we were in the lower 1/3 of the country for clean air.)

We can not, must not, wait any longer. We must DO something. I am not by nature an activist, but I can no longer stand back and do nothing, pretend that this matter will correct itself on its own or that someone else will do it. Pollution is not going away, in fact its worsening. One of the worse sources of air pollution is from cars and trucks which emit nitrogen oxide and volatile organic compound pollution which creates the smog that triggers 370,000 asthma attacks in PA alone. There is a soaring demand in this country for gasoline, diesel and jet fuel despite a rapid rise in cost of the last few months. And EXXON quotes billion dollar profit margins, with revenue that surpasses other US companies, such as Wal-Mart for the largest total revenue for 2005! HMMMM. This is not right. There are people struggling to pay their heating bill and/or their gas bills for their transportation back and forth from work. We *need* to do something. Rising costs to the consumers has not changed our usage; rather, we see a growing divide between those who can afford petroleum products and those who can't. We must address this environmental problem smartly: from both a health care standpoint and an economic one.

Passing the Clean Vehicles Program would go a long way toward reducing our air pollution problem in Pennsylvania by decreasing smog forming pollution from cars and

trucks. Global warming emissions would drop by nearly 25% over the next 10 to 15 years as these standards took effect. Cars would go further on a gallon of gas; thus, this action would save consumers money and would have the added benefit of slowing down the destruction of our environment.

There are many of my friends and colleagues who were unable to attend today's meeting because of its timing. Most are working professionals, though a few are full time mothers of very young children. I have brought with me today a few letters and a petition signed by some of these people who feel as strongly as I do: that the Clean Vehicles Program *must be passed* in this state as soon as possible. A meeting on a Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. is difficult for this group to attend; therefore, I respectfully urge you to consider having another public meeting in the Philadelphia area at a time (and place) where these constituents can come out and ensue that their voices are heard. In any case: Do the right thing. *We the voters want a cleaner Pennsylvania and a cleaner America. Its for us, its for our children, its for our future, its about your future.* Thank you.

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