

My name is Jim Black and I live in Cheltenham Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania has a problem ~~it has~~ with it's air quality and it's not just a down state problem as many seem to think but is spread across the state to 37 counties that do not meet EPA's standards under the clean air act. This is also something that we here today can move alongway to fix. The way we do this is by fully implementing the clean vehicles program. It's true that each individual car is a small source but put together as a group individual passenger cars contribute roughly 25% of the total air pollution we are exposed to. By implementing the clean vehicles program we can reduce our personal contribution to this total bringing meaningful reductions in the level of pollution we have to breath. Pennsylvania is our home and I for one demand that we do this one small step to make our home a more healthy place to live. Today I also want to thank AAA for the very well written but factually incorrect letter they sent in response to my letter. It is true that the federal standards are good they

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do not go far enough. There is no compelling reason not to do more. AAA stated that the cars would cost thousands of dollars more and this would hurt low income consumers. This is not true and if you wish to know just call dealers in NJ and NY where these regulations have already taken effect and ask them how much these vehicles cost ~~and~~ You'll find the truth is hundreds not thousands. Don't take my word for it call for yourself. AAA's other argument against implementation was one of safety. This too is manipulating the facts. It is true that larger sedans are safer than smaller ones, however this is not taking into account SUV's which have a propensity to roll over because they are not technology cars. They are in the truck category but if you look at the mix of individual passenger vehicles by use not by category and add SUV's, Vans and pickup trucks to your safety statistics you'll find over all you are not safer just because your vehicle is large but because your vehicle is large everyone around you is less safe.

Implementation of the clean vehicles

program will not make pennsylvanians  
less safe it will make us all more  
safe as the air we all must breath  
whether we choose to drive or not  
will be safer. Please, today, remove all  
obstacles to the full implementation  
of the clean vehicles program.

Thank you

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