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Dear Environmental Quality Board,

I am writing to encourage the state to move forward upon implementing the PA Clean Vehicles Program, as well as its clean air standards for trucks and cars that do not meet ^{state} federal requirements.

Pennsylvania ranks as one of the lowest states in the US when it comes to air pollution. Our state is plagued by a host of public health problems including asthma in children and respiratory ailments in adults secondary to our poor air quality.

Cars and trucks are main sources of this very air pollution. There is technology that exists that would remedy these pollutants and lead us to improved air quality.

Implementing the Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program, as soon as possible, will significantly reduce our air pollution issues: emissions of smog-forming pollution via cars and trucks will decrease by 10%; toxic benzene pollution will go down by 15% and global warming emissions could drop by nearly 25% by 2025, as compared to the reductions presented under the weaker federal program that is up for consideration. Also, with the PCVP program the standards will likely increase gas mileage; thus decreasing cost at the pump for fellow Pennsylvanians.

I urge you to implement the Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program as we should not settle for the weaker federal requirements.

Sincerely,

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