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Comments - Environmental Quality Board (EQB)
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Dear Comments Environmental Quality Board (EQB):

As a concerned citizen of Pennsylvania, I support the proposed amendments to the rules governing the Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program. I also support full implementation of the Clean Vehicles Program, as recommended by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

The federal Clean Air Act requires Pennsylvania to cut pollution from cars and trucks, and the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program are necessary to do that.

Federal standards pertaining to low emission vehicles don't go far enough to improve Pennsylvania's ability to comply with the Clean Air Act.

There are 37 counties in Pennsylvania with smog pollution that is higher than allowed by health-based federal standards. Unless we reduce vehicle emissions, there will be no room for industry to expand in those counties.

Vehicles that would be certified as acceptable under the Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program are not now more expensive than vehicles that meet the federal low emission vehicle standards.

Clean cars are more fuel-efficient than heavy polluters, and gasoline is expensive.

Cleaner vehicles will benefit the more than 1,000,000 Pennsylvanians who suffer from breathing problems that are made worse by air pollution.

Ten other states have already adopted California low emission vehicle standards, the same standards the Pennsylvania program has.

Action is required to combat global warming - and reducing greenhouse gas emissions is a critical part of that.

Please use simple logic and adopt all the aforementioned policies. We simply must place the highest priority on protecting our environment and personal health. Business and the increased production and marketing of vehicles with combustion engines must become part of our 'ancient history'

set a precedent and strictly enforce emission standards on ALL vehicles.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this program that is critical to cleaning our air, safeguarding our health, keeping our economy

strong, and providing consumers with better vehicle options.

Sincerely,

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