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Diesel Idle Regulation
Environmental Quality Board
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Dear Environmental Quality Board:

We, the members of the Carlisle High I Partnership Board, write in support of the proposed regulations to limit idling to five minutes per hour for most commercial diesel vehicles.

The High I Partnership Board is a collaborative initiative among local business, community, educational and governmental leaders to act as a catalyst for development, a forum for discussion and coordination, and to provide the expertise to secure and harness resources to transform Carlisle into a vibrant 21st century downtown.


In keeping with our mission, we are extremely concerned about the quality of life in our region and are alarmed over the reports about the extremely poor air quality in Central Pennsylvania. Increasingly, individuals and businesses in the 21st century economy are choosing to locate to areas based upon the amenities, environmental quality and recreational opportunities that are available. If Carlisle wishes to remain competitive in the contemporary economy, we must pay close attention to these critical quality of life issues.

Given Carlisle's location at the crossroads of some of the nation's major highways, we are well aware that commercial trucking is, and will remain, a fact of life for our region. While we recognize the economic benefits these businesses bring, it is not enough to offset the damaging environmental consequences that result from excessively high measures of fine particulate pollution.

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We, therefore, respectfully request approval of the proposed regulations to limit idling and thus reduce considerably the levels of diesel particulates in the air we breathe.

Sincerely,



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