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Environmental Quality Board
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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

Dear Members of the Environmental Quality Board:

I am writing to support the proposed regulations to limit idling by diesel trucks and buses. Diesel engine idling harms the health of students, drivers, workers, and residents of our community. As Dean of Penn State's Dickinson School of Law, which is temporarily located in a high truck traffic area, I support all efforts to decrease diesel emission and improve air quality for the health of our students and the broader community. Modern technology has eliminated the need for diesel idling in order to provide heating and cooling for truckers' cabs, and we should take advantage of that technology to improve the air we and our children breathe.

The proposed regulation will help improve the quality of our air. I ask that you vote to support the regulation.

Sincerely,

Philip J. McConnaughay