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Environmental Quality Board PO Box 8477 Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477

Dear Environmental Quality Board:

On behalf of my constituents, I am writing to urge the state to move ahead as quickly as possible in implementing the Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program and its clean air standards for cars and trucks that go beyond weaker federal requirements. I have heard from numerous constituents who feel, as I do, that this is important for southeastern Pennsylvania.

There are an increasing number of days where our area is unhealthy. Our local pulminoloigests are experiencing an increasing number of patients. The long-term effects will be worse.

One of the worst sources of this pollution is cars and trucks. Technology exists today that would allow cars and trucks to run cleaner and significantly reduce our air pollution problem. In turn, this will help the Commonwealth to come into compliance with the health-based standards of the federal Clean Air Act. Furthermore, if we do not maintain high standards for automobiles, there will be many unintended consequences to others. Otherwise, the federal standards will be unattainable.

By moving as quickly as possible to implement the Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program we would be able to significantly reduce our air pollution problem—emissions of smog-forming pollution from cars and trucks would be cut by 10 percent, toxic benzene pollution up to 15 percent and global warming emissions would drop by nearly 25 percent by 2025, as compared to reductions under the



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weaker federal program being considered. And an added benefit of the standards is that they would likely make cars go farther on a gallon of gas, saving Pennsylvania s money when they fill up at the gas pump.

Again, I urge the state to move forward and implement the Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program.

Sincerely,

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