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Clerk of the Board  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, I am writing to express our support of the most recent amendments proposed for the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Smog Index/ Global Warming Index label regulations. An alternate method for calculating greenhouse gas emissions is an appropriate strategy to employ while awaiting judicial rulings regarding the requested greenhouse gas waiver for motor vehicles. The Commonwealth also supports changing the implementation date from October 1, 2008, to January 1, 2009. Using the proposed methodology, consumers will still be empowered to make educated decisions about the environmental impact when purchasing a new vehicle.

Pennsylvania has adopted and incorporated by reference the proposed amendments to the California regulations. Consequently, residents of Pennsylvania will also soon benefit by being able to make informed decisions prior to purchasing new vehicles. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania continues to fully support California in its efforts to regulate greenhouse gases to reduce the impacts of global warming. Strategies to combat global warming must include local, state, regional and federal measures. Pennsylvania praises the State of California for its proactive efforts to regulate GHG emissions and raise awareness about the impact of greenhouse gases and global warming.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Joyce E. Epps, Director of the Bureau of Air Quality, by e-mail at [jeepps@state.pa.us](mailto:jeepps@state.pa.us) or by telephone at 717-787-9702 or Arleen Shulman, Chief of the Air Resources Management Division, by e-mail at [ashulman@state.pa.us](mailto:ashulman@state.pa.us) or by telephone at 717-787-9495.

Sincerely,

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