

## **Statement on Final Passage of Senate Bill 1025**

Senator Mary Jo White

Senate Bill 1025 will enact the Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program.

In working with Senator Madigan, Senator Stout and Senator Musto, it is our collective intent with Senate Bill 1025 to ensure that Pennsylvanians can continue the current practice of purchasing and registering in Pennsylvania vehicles which meet the strict federal Tier II vehicle emission standard. Nothing in this legislation prohibits any citizen who wishes to purchase vehicles meeting California's standards from doing so. Furthermore, it is our intent that the Department of Environmental Protection and the Governor take the necessary and appropriate steps to modify, if necessary, the Commonwealth's State Implementation Plan as submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to ensure that the State Implementation Plan reflects the federal Tier II vehicle emission standard as the Commonwealth's official standard.

As this legislation lays out, in the coming years Commonwealth agencies will undergo an extensive process to evaluate our current attainment status under the federal Clean Air Act, and the Department of Environmental Protection will advise the General Assembly what steps it believes are necessary to bring non-attainment regions into compliance.