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The Honorable Alvin C. Bush, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Re: Final Rulemaking #7-398
PA Clean Vehicles Program Amendments

Dear Chairman Bush:

We are writing to respectfully request that the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) reject Regulation #7-398.

We enclose a copy of our March 27, 2006 letter to IRRC for the Commission's reference. We believe the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has failed to address many of the substantive comments raised in the letter, and refused to acknowledge or respond to numerous statements that obviously contradict the history and intent of the Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program.

Despite DEP's claims, this regulation is not about a two year postponement of implementing the California standards in Pennsylvania. In reality, this regulation fundamentally shifts the Commonwealth's current vehicle emission program away from the federal Tier II standard and toward accepting and implementing those adopted by the California Air Resources Board. This regulation is not in the best interest of Pennsylvania's residents, and we urge its rejection.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

Roger Madigan, Chairman
Senate Transportation Committee

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