November 16, 2021

Mark Hammond
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Dear Mr. Hammond:

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 7.6 of the Air Pollution Control Act, on November 2, 2021, staff from the Bureau of Air Quality briefed the Citizens Advisory Council’s (Council) Policy and Regulatory Oversight Committee (Committee) on the draft proposed rulemaking that would amend the Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program to include a Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Program.

On the recommendation of the Committee, Council voted at its November 16, 2021, meeting to support advancement of the above-referenced proposed rulemaking to the Environmental Quality Board for action with the following recommendations:

1. The Commonwealth should work with manufacturers to ensure they are prepared to meet ZEV requirements upon implementation of the rulemaking.
2. The Commonwealth should examine the need for and actively support the development of additional infrastructure to support increased ZEV use, including expanded charging station facilities along major highways.
3. As part of the proposed rulemaking, the Environmental Quality Board should leave open the option for, and invite public comment on, the concept of including a proportional credit bank provision similar to that adopted by Colorado, Nevada and other states which have adopted the California ZEV program.

Council appreciates the Department’s cooperation in providing detailed briefings on air rulemakings. If you have any questions regarding Council’s action on the above-referenced rulemaking, please contact our Executive Director at 717.787.8171 or by email at ksalador@pa.gov.

Sincerely,

Jerome Shabazz
Chair