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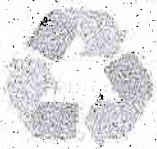
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Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today. I speak on behalf of Cecilian Center for Earth, Arts and Spirit, a sponsored work of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Philadelphia, PA. As a religious congregation, we feel called to address the critical issue of Earth's sustainability. In the past 50 years since the Age of Industrialization humans have caused more destruction to Earth's atmosphere than was caused over thousands of years. I am here to support the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania Clean Vehicles Program.



The federal Clean Air Act requires Pennsylvania to cut pollution from cars and trucks cleaner vehicles will benefit the more than 1,000,000 Pennsylvanians who suffer from breathing problems that are made worse by air pollution.

However, it is not only the human that needs protection but also the atmosphere that provides protection for all of nature. Future generations are counting on us to stop the destruction and to act with responsibility to the future generations of life on this planet. Rather than add to the already existing scientific facts that you have hopefully read, I want to urge you to act for justice and not simply fall into the current trend of making decisions based upon greed and convenience. There are thousands of Pennsylvanians who suffer asthma now as a result of the increased air pollution in our state. You have the power to

reduce that suffering now. It is critical that you make decisions that improve the air quality for all of us and for all of nature.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this program. I look forward to your response.