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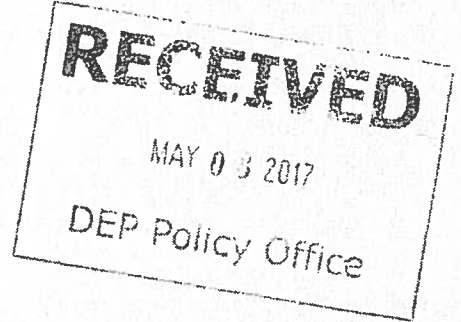
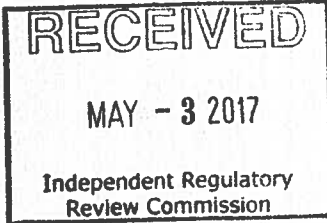


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Environmental Quality Board
P.O. Box 8477
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Re: Regulation #7-529: Gasoline Volatility Requirements; IRR Number 3162

Dear Board Members:

We are writing in support of the proposed rulemaking to rescind Chapter 126, Subchapter C of Title 25 of the Pa. Code, which would repeal the "summer gas" requirement that mandates the sale of low RVP gasoline in the Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley Area between May 1 and September 15. This mandate imposes costs on the consumers that outweigh the environmental benefits, which is why the legislature enacted Act 50 of 2014 to begin its repeal.

The summer gas requirement was imposed in the seven-county area around Pittsburgh as a control measure to attain and maintain compliance with National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone. Analysis from the Department of Environmental Protection indicates that this requirement provides diminishing environmental benefit due to the development of reduced sulfur gasoline and the growth of lower-polluting vehicles.¹ The department is in the process of demonstrating that this federal requirement can be met through other means.

Requiring the use of this "boutique" gasoline blend has a direct economic cost on the residents of western Pennsylvania. As the Department of Environmental Protection's notice of proposed rulemaking shows, repealing the summer gas requirement would reduce the wholesale and retail prices of gasoline, saving consumers money at the pump.² While gas prices remain below the recent highs seen in 2014—near \$4 per gallon—consumers stand to see significant savings at the pump with the implementation of this proposal.

¹ *Regulatory Analysis Form, IRR Number:3162, page 12,*
<http://www.irc.state.pa.us/docs/3162/AGENCY/3162PRO.pdf>

² 47 Pa. Bull. 1158 (February 25, 2017)

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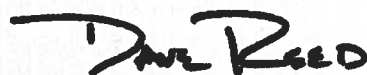
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With this proposed rulemaking, the Department of Environmental Protection is continuing to carry out the legislature's directive from Act 50 of 2014. That act, which was enacted with substantial, bipartisan support in both chambers of the General Assembly, was in response to the concerns expressed by residents of western Pennsylvania.³

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support of this proposed rulemaking, and we look forward to its final promulgation and approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Please feel free to follow-up if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,



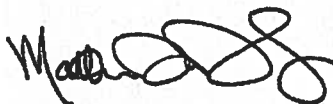
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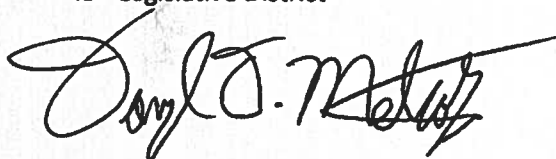
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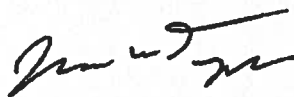
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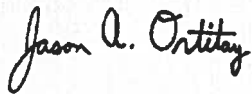
³ Pennsylvania House of Representatives, *Legislative Journal*, May 5, 2014, page 21,
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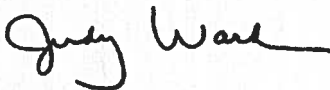
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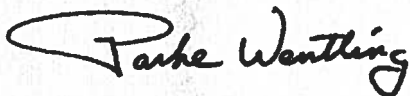
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