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Richard Wilson, Director
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Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Wilson,

Recently, the Air Quality offices of the States of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin, along with representatives of the Lake Michigan Air Directors Consortium and the Center for Clean Air Policy, met with officials from the General Motors and Chrysler Corporations. The purpose of this meeting was to review a proposal made by the auto manufacturers to the states of the Ozone Transport Commission concerning voluntary early implementation of the Tier II tailpipe standards on a regional (OTC states) or national basis (outside of California).

Those of us who heard the General Motors proposal were interested in continuing the discussion, although some questions remain and some areas need further clarification. At least two points were agreed upon, however. First, it is clear that no proposal of this sort can proceed without EPA endorsement and approval. Second, while the midwestern states and the northeastern states may have some common concerns, we also have our differences, and we would request that we also be involved in any discussions, so that our interests will be given equal weight along with those of other regions.

A national and consistent approach to the issue of tailpipe standards could benefit all parties: manufacturers, consumers, and regulators. Maximum benefits will only be achieved, however, if the approach is developed in an equitable and deliberate manner. We look forward to working with you, the manufacturers, and the other states to bring this about.

Sincerely,



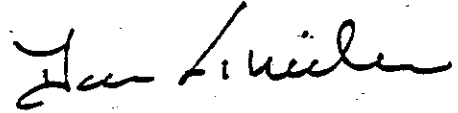
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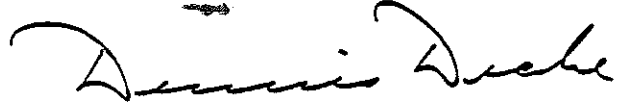
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