

Anti- Idling Testimony

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Good morning, my name is Jim Runk; I'm President and CEO of the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association (PMTA), located in Camp Hill, PA.

PMTA is a statewide trucking association representing approximately 2200 member companies, from for-hire and private carriers to dump truck operators and engine and tractor manufactures.

PMTA was organized to promote the common business interests of persons engaged in the motor transportation industry and is dedicated to effectively representing the concerns of the trucking industry to members, government and regulatory agencies and the general public.

Mr. Chairman and Committee members, thank you for the opportunity for me to be hear today representing the fourth largest industry in the Commonwealth and to provide testimony on the Diesel Powered Commercial Motor Vehicle Idling Act.

During the past year, PMTA worked with a number of organizations and individuals including the Clean Air Board, Carlisle, the Pennsylvania Lung Association, the School Bus Association and Senators Pat Browne and Pat Vance along with their staff members who worked tirelessly to expedite this legislation. We also had several meetings with DEP that produced a number of positive suggestions and recommendations.

I would like to thank each one of them for their extraordinary commitment and dedication to this very significant issue.

Finally Mr. Chairman, PMTA is satisfied with the concept of one statewide standard. This will eliminate the need for drivers to become familiar with local municipalities anti-idling regulations, many of which would not be known to the driver, making it almost impossible with which to comply.

PMTA fully supports SB-295 as it currently reads and reserves the right to modify its comments if amendments are added or language is changed.

Thanks you Mr. Chairman, I'll be glad to answer. questions.