PETITION TO THE OZONE TRANSPORT COMMISSION
FOR THE ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATION CALLING FOR
THE APPLICATION OF LEV THROUGHOUT THE TRANSPORT REGION

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States, created a transport commission ("OTC") to, *inter alia*, assess strategies for mitigating interstate ozone pollution and recommend to the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("Administrator") such measures deemed to be necessary for attainment of the ozone standard; and

WHEREAS, subsection 184(c) of the Clean Air Act permits States within the Ozone Transport Region to petition the OTC to develop specific recommendations for the Administrator; and

WHEREAS, based on a majority vote of the Governors' designees on the OTC, and after notice and opportunity for public comment, the OTC may develop such recommendations to be transmitted to the Administrator; and

WHEREAS, analysis indicates that implementation of the California Low Emission Vehicle ("LEV") Program in the Northeast will result in substantially greater emission reductions than provided by the Federal Motor Vehicle Control Program not only of ozone precursors but of airborne toxics, acid rain producing gases and to prevent air pollution in general; and

WHEREAS, several OTC Member States have initiated Statewide studies by statute or legislative commissions to review the advantages, disadvantages, benefits and detriments of the LEV program within their respective jurisdictions prior to adoption and implementation;

THEREFORE, THE UNDERSIGNED STATES HEREBY PETITION the OTC to initiate consideration, after the holding of public forums for information gathering and the review of any information currently available from current and past State studies, of the development of a recommendation, calling for the implementation of a regionwide LEV program within the Ozone Transport Region, as an additional control measure necessary to bring the region into attainment of the ozone standard by the dates required in Title I of the Clean Air Act.