RESOLUTION OF THE STATES OF THE OZONE TRANSPORT COMMISSION SUPPORTING THE CONCEPT OF A 49-STATE CLEAN CAR AND THE RIGHT OF STATES TO CHOOSE TO IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSION CONTROL PROGRAMS

WHEREAS the OTC recommended its Low Emission Vehicle (OTC LEV) program to EPA in February 1994, and EPA subsequently approved it in December 1994; and

WHEREAS the motor vehicle manufacturers have suggested a 49-State car program which is essentially based on the "LEV category" vehicle in the OTC LEV program; and

WHEREAS any decision regarding Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) programs is up to each individual State; and

THEREFORE be it resolved that the OTC strongly supports the concept and the potential benefits of a 49-State car; and

FURTHERMORE the OTC remains committed to negotiate an agreement with the auto manufacturers on a 49-State car concept; and

FURTHERMORE that as an integral part of this program that the OTC is committed to work with the auto manufacturers to develop an acceptable advanced technology component; and

FURTHERMORE States have the sovereign right and obligation to adopt and implement additional air pollution control measures as necessary to meet their air quality goals.

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