

Statement of the Ozone Transport Commission on the House Energy & Air Quality Subcommittee June 1, 2007 Discussion Draft on Alternative Fuels, Infrastructure and Vehicles

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Vehicles would take away the ability of states to adopt programs which have provided states with necessary tools to effectively reduce air pollution, pursuant to sections 177 and 209 of the Clean Air Act.

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444 N. Captol St. NW Suite 638 Washington, DC 20001 (202) 508-3840 FAX (202) 508-3841 e-mail: ozone@otcair.org The member states of the Commission have supported the right to adopt and implement motor vehicle emission standards promulgated in other jurisdictions, with many member states relying on these programs to meet their Clean Air Act obligations. This proposed legislation sets a deeply troubling precedent by removing a state's right to choose a control strategy option. The Clean Air Act is premised on a state-federal partnership that should not be subject to selective erosion, as proposed in the draft bill. States and local air control districts must have access to a broad and comprehensive range of air pollution control strategies if the public health and welfare are to be fully protected.

The Commission therefore opposes any effort that would restrict or eliminate a state's ability to adopt and implement emission control programs.

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