



**OZONE
TRANSPORT
COMMISSION**

**Resolution of the Ozone Transport Commission
on Federal Funding of Air Programs**

WHEREAS, the Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) was established under Sections 176A and 184 of the federal Clean Air Act (CAA) to ensure the development and implementation of regional strategies to reduce ground-level ozone to healthy levels; and

WHEREAS, under cooperative federalism, the OTC members are responsible under the Clean Air Act for developing and implementing programs and strategies to meet ozone national ambient air quality standards within the Ozone Transport Region (OTR); and

WHEREAS, the adverse health effects of ground-level ozone are well documented, and despite significant reductions of ozone precursor emissions achieved to date, approximately 30 million residents of the OTR continue to be exposed to unhealthy levels of ozone air pollution; and

WHEREAS, while the OTC members have made significant progress in reducing ozone pollution in the OTR, planning requirements have grown more complex and additional and important planning priorities, such as mitigating climate change and addressing air pollution in overburdened communities, remain to be fully addressed; and

WHEREAS, federal funding support of OTC members and the OTC has not kept pace with the rising costs of basic air quality program needs, much less sufficiently increased to meet new program needs in areas not within their historical expertise; and

WHEREAS, OTC members' air agencies are an important resource for entities receiving significant project funding under new legislation, such as the Inflation Reduction Act, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and American Rescue Plan, and these entities can benefit from air agency advice and expertise in helping them successfully carry out their projects; and

WHEREAS, the OTC members do not have sufficient funding support to provide such assistance; and

WHEREAS, current budgets are inadequate for maintaining existing air program work as well as meeting new priority needs;

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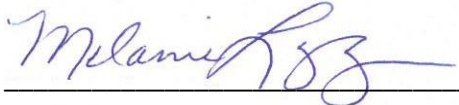
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Paul J. Miller
Executive Director

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the OTC call upon the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to provide sufficient financial support to state air programs to implement programs that will reduce pollutants that cause ozone and ensure their capacity to meet the increasingly complex and broadened requirements being placed upon them; and

FURTHERMORE, that the U.S. Congress and the U.S. EPA provide funding to the OTC members through grant mechanisms that avoid unnecessary administrative burdens and cost-sharing conditions.

Adopted by the Commission on June 14, 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Melanie Loyzim", written over a horizontal line.

Melanie Loyzim, OTC Chair