



April 3, 2024

Governor Josh Shapiro  
508 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

### **Public health support for zero-emission truck standards**

Dear Governor Shapiro:

As members of the health and medical community in Pennsylvania, we are writing to call on you to direct your administration adopt and implement the Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) standard.

Pennsylvania must use our full Clean Air Act authority to implement the most health-protective clean air standards possible. The ACT standards are a clear opportunity to bring cleaner air to all communities, and especially those most vulnerable and exposed to cancer-causing diesel exhaust. Pennsylvania is a signatory to the Multi-State Memorandum of Understanding<sup>1</sup> supporting increased coordination in pursuit of zero-emission trucking and should take the next step to ensure the benefits of these technologies are felt here at home.

This is vital because despite important progress in protecting health against air pollution, too many face heightened health risks due to unhealthy air. Over 4 million people in Pennsylvania live in counties that received failing grades for unhealthy levels of ozone or particle pollution in the most recent "State of the Air" issued by the American Lung

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<sup>1</sup> Multi-State Medium- and Heavy-Duty Zero Emission Vehicle Memorandum of Understanding. July 2020.  
<https://www.nescaum.org/documents/mhdv-zev-mou-20220329.pdf>

Association.<sup>2</sup> This includes over 50,000 children and more than 330,000 adults living with asthma. Breathing polluted air can trigger a wide range of health emergencies ranging from asthma attacks to strokes and heart attacks to lung cancer and premature death. Children, seniors, people with health issues, people with lower-incomes and people of color are more vulnerable to these effects.

Sincerely,

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<sup>2</sup> American Lung Association. State of the Air 2023. April 2023. [www.lung.org/sota](http://www.lung.org/sota)