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Dear Dr. Stallworth:

On behalf of the members of the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, thank you for this opportunity to offer our perspective on the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) Ozone Review Panel's upcoming recommendation on the appropriate NAAQS standard for ozone.

The Greater Pittsburgh Chamber strongly supports establishing air quality standards at levels where scientific evidence shows conclusively that they protect public health. Obviously, elevated ozone levels have been shown to impact respiratory function. However, the question remains as to what level of ozone constitutes a significant threat to public health.

Based on our review of the literature, it's clear that the body of evidence to determine that precise level is inconclusive and is no stronger today than it was nearly ten years ago. Without additional evidence, it seems reasonable to include the current standard of 75 parts per billion within the Panel's recommendation for an appropriate and scientifically justified range for ozone.

Thus, we urge the CASAC to include 75 ppb as the upper boundary in the recommended range to protect public health.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me at [dpeart@pittsburghchamber.com](mailto:dpeart@pittsburghchamber.com) or (412) 281-4783 x3109.

Sincerely,

/s/

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