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Subject: FW: EPA Administrator Thank-you Letter to Gov. Shumlin
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Hi all,

Just FYI, attached is a thank you note to Gov. Shumlin from Gina McCarthy for his letter supporting Tier 3 motor vehicle and low sulfur gas standards rulemaking.

Thanks,
Aly

From: Barbery, Andrea [mailto:Barbery.Andrea@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2014 4:34 PM
To: Richards, Alyson
Subject: EPA Administrator Thank-you Letter to Gov. Shumlin

Good afternoon, Aly –

Here is a copy of a letter from EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy, thanking Governor Shumlin for his support of the recent Tier 3 motor vehicle and low sulfur gasoline standards rulemaking. A hard copy of the letter is also in the mail.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Andrea Barbery
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THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable Peter Shumlin
Governor of Vermont
Pavilion Office Building
109 State Street, Fifth Floor
Montpelier, Vermont 05609

Dear Governor Shumlin:

Thank you for your letter to President Barack Obama, urging the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to quickly finalize the rulemaking for the Tier 3 light-duty vehicle emissions and gasoline standards. The show of support from governors is particularly important and a reflection of our partnership with states in the effort to improve air quality and public health.

On March 3, 2014, the EPA issued the final Tier 3 rule. The Tier 3 standards will reduce motor vehicle emissions and help state and local areas attain and maintain the existing health-based air quality standards in a cost-effective and timely way. The reductions in ozone and particulate matter will avoid premature mortality and other health impacts, including respiratory symptoms in children and exacerbation of asthma.

The Tier 3 standards will immediately provide health benefits when the rule takes effect in 2017 due to large emission reductions from the program's gasoline sulfur controls, and these significant health benefits will continue well into the future with the addition of the vehicle standards. Tier 3 responds to the critical need to improve air quality for all Americans, and we appreciate your interest and support of this program. We also know that your support is part of your overall leadership in promoting programs in your state, and throughout the nation, to protect public health and the environment. The federal government has an important role to play to support your work. For more information on the Tier 3 final rule, please visit the EPA's Tier 3 webpage at: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/tier3.htm>.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Mark Rupp, Deputy Associate Administrator for Intergovernmental Relations, at rupp.mark@epa.gov or (202) 564-7178.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gina McCarthy".

Gina McCarthy

Thanks for all the support!