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EPA Docket Center
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Re: Determination of Attainment by the Attainment Date, Extensions of the Attainment Date, and Reclassification of Several Areas Classified as Marginal for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (80 FR 51992)

To whom it may concern:

On August 27, 2015, U.S. EPA published a proposed rule (80 FR 51992) in regards to nonattainment areas established under the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). Twenty-six states, including Ohio, have areas affected by this rulemaking. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) would like to provide this letter of support for U.S. EPA's proposed action regarding the nonattainment areas in Ohio affected by the rulemaking. There are three areas in Ohio classified as marginal nonattainment for the 2008 Ozone NAAQS; Columbus, Cincinnati and Cleveland-Akron-Lorain.

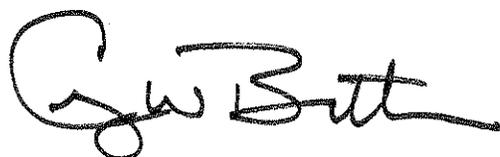
U.S. EPA is proposing to determine the Columbus and Cincinnati nonattainment areas are now attaining the standard, consistent with Ohio EPA's clean data requests submitted on February 20, 2015 (for the Columbus area) and March 13, 2015 (for the Cincinnati area). The requests demonstrated that based upon the most recent 2012-2014 certified ozone monitoring data that the 2008 Ozone NAAQS of 0.075 ppm has been attained in the Columbus and Cincinnati areas ahead of the July 20, 2015 attainment date. As of the date of this letter both the Columbus and Cincinnati areas continue to attain the 2008 ozone standard considering the available 2015 ozone data. Ohio EPA supports U.S. EPA's proposed action for these two areas. Ohio EPA will follow up with redesignation requests and maintenance plans requests for both areas in the near future.

In regards to the third Ohio nonattainment area, Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, Ohio EPA submitted a one-year extension request on February 20, 2015 and provided supplemental information for this request on March 19, 2015. Ohio EPA has demonstrated that the Cleveland-Akron-Lorain nonattainment area meets the criteria for a one-year extension under Section 181(a)(5) of the Clean Air Act as amended (CAAA) and has supplied the necessary documentation and formal request. Under this

proposal, U.S. EPA is also acknowledging this nonattainment area is eligible for a one-year extension. Ohio EPA supports U.S. EPA's proposed action for this area. Ohio EPA asks that this request be formally approved as expeditiously as possible to grant the Cleveland-Akron-Lorain area an extension until July 20, 2016 to demonstrate attainment of the 2008 Ozone NAAQS. Based on preliminary data, available through the date of this letter, the Cleveland-Akron-Lorain area will attain based upon 2013-2015 ozone monitoring data.

If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Van Vlerah in our Division of Air Pollution Control at (614) 644-3696.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Butler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Craig" and last name "Butler" clearly distinguishable.

Craig Butler
Director

Cc: Bob Hodanbosi, Chief, Division of Air Pollution Control, Ohio EPA

Enclosure