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Dear Members:

As you know, Allegheny County is the only County in Pennsylvania that hasn't received approval from the EPA to remove the summertime 7.8 psi RVP requirement rule. PRARA made it our top priority to find out why.

Attached you will find a press release from the EPA that clearly shows that the "Grant Street Gang" (County Council, Rich Fitzgerald and the Allegheny County Health Department) failed to address this issue until almost a year after the state and all other affected counties had submitted their revised rules to the EPA for approval. You will also find fliers to distribute at your discretion to your customers or whomever you wish and laminated smaller version to post at your pumps.

County Executive, Rich Fitzgerald's office received repeated letters from local petroleum associations and suppliers imploring him to address this issue in a timely manner and they were ignored. Mr. Fitzgerald blames everyone from Donald Trump to the EPA for cost increases soon to be endured by Allegheny County commuters. He states that Allegheny County "did everything that we were supposed to do", but he neglects to mention their delay in doing it.

Phone numbers for all individuals who have worked closely with PRARA and can corroborate the statements we have made can be found on the PRARA website at www.prara.com. (see below)

In closing, we would like to assure our members that the PRARA Board of Directors has voted to use all resources available to us to keep this issue in the forefront and to find out exactly why Allegheny County did not consider this issue important enough to warrant their full and timely intention. This revision to the RVP rules directly affects the pocketbooks of everyone who travels in Allegheny County.

As we move forward, we will continue to work closely with the EPA and our leaders in Congress, like Senator Pat Toomey. We are diligently working toward a shared goal of resolving this matter and bringing down prices at the pump as quickly as possible.

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