

May 23, 2018

Administrator G. Scott Pruitt
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OA-2018-0259
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Subject: Comment on Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science; Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OA-2018-0259

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

Thank you for providing an opportunity to comment on Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science, as prescribed in the April 30, 2018 proposed rule.

On behalf of the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC), I am writing to express concern over the length of time provided for public comment given the content of the proposed rule. MWAQC respectfully requests that EPA extend the comment period by 60 days.

MWAQC is certified by the governors of Maryland and Virginia and the mayor of the District of Columbia to develop plans demonstrating attainment of federal ozone and other criteria pollutant standards for the Washington, DC-MD-VA non-attainment area. We have done so successfully for more than twenty-five years through a partnership among the state and local governments in the National Capital region.

Due to the broad nature of the questions raised in the proposal, MWAQC feels that the 30-day comment period is not adequate to fully review and offer comments. Therefore, we are requesting an extension to the comment period by 60 days, to July 30, 2018.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposal to Strengthen Transparency in Regulatory Science.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Hans Riemer
Chair, Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC)