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Jolene Ivey, Chair, Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC)
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Chair Ivey, Immediate Past Chair Karantonis, CEEPC members:

I am writing to ask that as part of your July 24, 2024 meeting, you discuss and act on the recommendation from the region's Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee (ACPAC). ACPAC submitted their urgent recommendation to CEEPC over two months ago, before your last meeting on May 22, 2024. The ACPAC Chair also provided a short briefing on this recommendation on the 22nd. CEEPC does not meet again until late September.

The ACPAC recommendation which was approved by a unanimous vote of ACPAC urges CEEPC to treat the climate change crisis with a much greater sense of urgency and to update the outdated regional climate change goals to be more consistent with the science and more representative of goals used by other leadership organizations like Montgomery County and the State of Maryland.

One of the reasons that it is critical for CEEPC to act quickly is that the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) is developing an updated transportation sector greenhouse gas emission reduction plan based upon the outdated and very weak regional goals that are now in place at MWCOG. What this means is that the TPB plan is ignoring many of the

¹ As background, my name is Tad Aburn. I have submitted comments at every TPB meeting since 11/22. I was a MD resident for 68 years. I am now retired and doing volunteer work for overburdened communities in PG County and DC. I am also a member of the DC EJ Coalition. I was the Chair of MWAQC TAC multiple times. I was an MWAQC member for over 15 years. For almost 20 years I was the Director of the air pollution program in Maryland. I worked for MDE for 40 years. I was a two-term President and long-time SIP policy Committee Chair with the NACAA.

more difficult transportation strategies as they, because of the weak goals, appear to not be needed.

Thank you again for allowing public input. I would be happy to discuss my concerns during a future meeting or with a smaller group of CEEPC leadership.

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