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Mr. Steve Spaw
Director, Monitoring Operations Division
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13 087
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Mr. Spaw,

The Central Texas Clean Air Coalition (CAC) is a bi-partisan organization of elected officials from the five-county Austin metro region, including the five County Judges and the Mayors of the seven most populous cities in those counties. As Mayor of Austin, I serve as chair of the CAC.

The CAC and its member governments have worked over the past several years to implement measures intended to maintain the area's compliance with the federal ozone standard. While we have been successful in achieving emission reductions, we believe the region will continue to be challenged in meeting the ozone standard, especially if the EPA proposed new standards are adopted. We have therefore expressed our intent to submit an 8-hour O3 Flex plan to keep existing measures in place while considering additional proactive steps that can reasonably be taken to protect the health of our citizens. One of the additional steps recently considered and supported by a vote of the CAC is to ask TCEQ to implement an ozone watch and warning system similar to the ones in Dallas and San Antonio. I am hopeful that this request will meet with the TCEQ's favorable approval, and such a system, based on regional monitoring and meteorological data can be implemented by the next ozone season.

We look forward to our continued work with the TCEQ on safeguarding our air resources, and want to offer our thanks to your staff in particular for all the assistance they have provided to improve our regional air quality monitoring initiatives.

Regards,

Will Wynn
Chairman
Central Texas Clean Air Coalition