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David VanLuven
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Philip Crandall, Supervisor
Town of Coeymans
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Dear Supervisor Crandall,

Thank you for the invitation to share our perspectives on your proposed Clean Air Law. As you know, activities in one community can have real effects on their neighbors, and it is generous of you to consider Bethlehem as you make your decision.

I fully agree with the intent of the law, as protecting the public health and welfare of Coeymans residents also benefits residents across the town boundary in Bethlehem, especially with regard to air pollution.

I also agree that the proposed law sets reasonable standards for monitoring and reporting on potential air emissions without placing an undue burden on the operators of waste disposal facilities.

Finally, I agree that the Town of Coeymans is well within its legal jurisdiction to set clean air standards that are more stringent than those issued by state or federal environmental agencies. Your residents, as well as ours, have to breathe the emissions from waste disposal facilities. It is therefore well justified for the Town of Coeymans to set strong standards for public safety and to require effective standards for monitoring, reporting, and enforcement.

I strongly support the passage of Proposed Law #1 of 2019 known as the Clean Air Law.

Thank you again for the opportunity to share our perspectives on your important efforts.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David VanLuven", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David VanLuven
Bethlehem Town Supervisor

Cc: Daniel Baker, Kenneth Burns, Thomas Dolan, James Youmans via email