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Re: Coeymans Local Law 1 of 2019 – Clean Air Law

Dear Supervisor Crandall and Town Councilmembers:

Thank you for providing the Bethlehem Town Board with an opportunity to provide input on Coeymans Local Law 1 of 2019. We are writing this letter to supplement the letter submitted to you earlier by Bethlehem Town Supervisor David VanLuven to express the views of the entire Bethlehem Town Board following our discussion and vote at our March 27, 2019 meeting.

As a neighbor to the Town of Coeymans and Village of Ravena, we have a joint interest in ensuring a safe environment and quality of life for all of our residents. In addition to living in close proximity to Coeymans, many families in the southern part of Bethlehem have children who spend the majority of the week attending school in your town, and are therefore directly affected by air quality issues there.

We support the law's enactment of restrictions on the burning of various waste types (tires, solid waste, medical waste, sewer sludge) and imposition a cap on each facility of 25 tons of waste burned per day. Additionally, we appreciate the law's creation of a publicly-available online database where citizens can monitor the amount and type of waste burned, which will increase the transparency of information for residents of Coeymans and neighboring communities. As you know, local communities in New York State may adopt standards stricter than state and federal regulations, and we feel it is appropriate for the Town of Coeymans to take this action to protect public health.

Clean air and a healthy environment are goals that transcend geographic boundaries. We are glad to see our neighbors to the south taking this initiative and we encourage passage of Coeymans Local Law 1.

Sincerely,

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