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Assistant Administrator Office of Air and Radiation (AR-443) Docket No. OPMO-0184 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Assistant Administrator:

The State of Connecticut offers the following comments concerning the notice of proposed rulemaking for "Motor Carriers Engaged in Interstate Commerce; Noise Standards and Transportation Equipment Noise Emission Controls; Medium and Heavy Trucks" as published in the June 19, 1985, issue of the Federal Register, Vol. 50, No. 118.

The Connecticut Department of Transportation would support implementation of lower noise emission levels for medium and heavy trucks. Presently, traffic noise (of which trucks are the major contributor) is a continuing problem along the State's expressways. As the federal government has severely restricted funding for on-site noise abatement, it would be appropriate to deal with the problem at the noise source.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this notice of proposed rulemaking.

Sincerely.

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Governor