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AIR QUALITY STAKEHOLDERS OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY

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Ozone Advance
c/o Laura Bunte
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, C304-01
109 TW Alexander Drive
Research Triangle Park, NC 27711

Dear Ms. Bunte:

On behalf of all of the municipalities and participating agencies in Cumberland County, I would like to inform you that the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners submit this letter of interest to join with EPA to continue to improve our region's air quality through the newly created Ozone Advance Program.

Cumberland County participated in the Early Action Compact, through which an Air Quality Stakeholders advisory committee to the Commissioners was formed. The Stakeholders membership includes representatives of all jurisdictions within the county, major industry representatives, educational representatives and citizens at large, and will be responsible in overseeing the process (additional information at <http://www.fampo.org/>). An existing Combined Air Team (CombAT) will provide staff support to implement the Ozone Advance Program. A locally developed Action Plan, which will include resolutions/letters of support from all participating agencies, will be submitted to EPA after stakeholders' and public involvement have taken place. The North Carolina Department of the Environment and Natural Resources – Division of Air Quality has pledged to provide Cumberland County with technical support and data, continuing a partnership that began ten years ago.

This area takes pride in the joint efforts and results that it achieved through the Early Action Compact and wants to continue providing "***A healthful environment for all current and future citizens of Cumberland County***" through the Ozone Advance program.

Please contact Ms. Maurizia Chapman at (910) 678-7615 or via e-mail at mchapman@co.cumberland.nc.us if you require additional information or clarifications.

Sincerely,

W. Marshall Faircloth, Chairman
Cumberland County Board of Commissioners

Gary Slater, Chairman
Air Quality Stakeholders of Cumberland County