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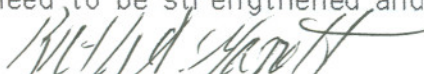
**Jim Ruby, Executive Secretary
Environmental Quality Council**

This is a personal comment on the Citizen's Ozone Petition and upcoming meeting. It deals with a long acquaintance with polluted air and the health aspects of Ozone.

In 1965 my husband's career took us to Short Hills, N.J. Roughly 35 miles from New York City and another 10 miles to Morristown, N.J. The sixties were the era of Red Alerts as pertained to "general pollution and ozone alerts". There were alerts in concentric circles from Manhattan outward. Sometimes only the inner circles were in play but that could change and one after another the next circle would be consumed into red alerts. Some days the alerts reached into Short Hills. By 1967 the doctors had diagnosed my headaches and allergies as ozone related. There were days when no driving was allowed into NYC. The alerts went up on all the highways in New Jersey and parts of Connecticut.

One time I promised my mother a trip into NYC the last day of her visit. We awoke to a full red alert. Bad air, no travel, no outdoor activities. I suggested that we go see historic sights at Morristown and visit the herb gardens. We did and to our complete amazement when we stood on the heights where George Washington stood to look at the British in New York we could not see New York City.

It pains me to think that some day one could not go to Pinedale because of the ozone and that if one could visit Fremont Lake one would not see Pinedale nor Green River. I definitely believe the ozone standards need to be strengthened and now is the time to do so.


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