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ADMINISTRATOR

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Mr. Tommy C. Fitzgerald
President
Fitzgerald Glider Kits
1225 Livingston Highway
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Dear Mr. Fitzgerald:

Thank you for your letter of July 10, 2017, requesting that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reconsider the requirements for gliders under the final rule titled *Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Fuel Efficiency Standards for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles – Phase 2* (81 FR 73478, October 25, 2016) (*Phase 2 Rule*). Your letter raises significant questions regarding the EPA’s authority under the Clean Air Act to regulate gliders as well as the soundness of the EPA’s technical analysis used to support the requirements.

More specifically, your letter states that the EPA lacks authority over glider *vehicles* because they are not “new” motor vehicles and glider *kits* because they do not fall within the Clean Air Act’s definition of “motor vehicle.” In addition, it also raises concerns that the EPA relied upon “unsupported assumptions rather than data” with regard to the emission impacts of glider vehicles.

In light of these issues, the EPA has decided to revisit the provisions in the *Phase 2 Rule* that relate to gliders. We intend to develop and issue a Federal Register notice of proposed rulemaking on this matter, consistent with the requirements of the Clean Air Act.

If you have any questions regarding this response, you may contact Bill Charmley in the Office of Transportation and Air Quality at (734) 214-4466.

Respectfully yours,



E. Scott Pruitt