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Dump the Pump and Write About it to Win

Commuter Services urges commuters to use alternative transportation, announces essay contest with prizes

YORK, Pa. (June 19, 2012) . National Dump the Pump day is Thursday, June 21, 2012. This national day of awareness focuses on the benefits of using alternative forms of transportation as opposed to driving alone, such as reducing your carbon footprint, decreasing fuel dependency, minimizing congestion and saving money on gas, maintenance, insurance and parking. Commuters can Dump the Pump by biking, carpooling, vanpooling, walking, taking public transit, teleworking, etc.

Commuter Services of Pennsylvania is holding a contest to celebrate Dump the Pump day. Commuters are encouraged to submit their story, in 250 words or less, about how they have saved money and/or improved their quality of life when they Dumped the Pump by using a non-single occupancy vehicle commuting mode. They can submit their entry by mail, email, Facebook, or the Commuter Services website. All entries must be received by Friday, June 29.

The winner will be selected by a panel of judges comprised of the Commuter Services Board of Directors and staff. They will win a Smart Commuter Prize Pack valued at \$50, including a \$25 gift card, and have their photo and story featured on the website and Facebook page. Smaller prizes (valued at \$15) will also be awarded to five additional winners.

Submit your essay in one of the following ways:

Mail to: Commuter Services of PA, Dump the Pump Essay Contest

2951 Whiteford Road, Suite 201, York, PA 17402 **Email**: DumpThePump@PaCommuterServices.com

Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/CommuterServicesPA

Website: http://www.pacommuterservices.org

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- Berks Area Regional Transportation Authority (BARTA), County of Lebanon Transit Authority (LT); Red Rose Transit Authority (RRTA, Lancaster); York Adams Transportation Authority (rabbittransit); Capital Area Transit (CAT, Cumberland-Dauphin-Harrisburg);
- Lancaster, Lebanon, Reading and York Area Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs);
 Harrisburg MPO (Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties) and Adams and Franklin counties
 Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs).

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