

September 17, 2010

The Honorable Tom Carper
United States Senate
513 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable George Voinovich
United States Senate
524 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Carper and Voinovich:

As a uniquely broad coalition of environmental, science-based, public health, industry, labor and state and local government groups, we thank you for your efforts to reauthorize the Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA), scheduled to expire at the end of fiscal year 2011. The program has been extremely successful in providing cost-effective public health and environmental benefits. We strongly support your proposed legislation reauthorizing this worthwhile program.

Diesel-powered vehicles and equipment play an important role in the nation's economy and are getting cleaner every day. DERA, originally enacted in 2005 with overwhelming bipartisan support, was designed to reduce emissions from the 20 million existing diesel engines in use today by as much as 90 percent.

Since enactment, DERA has been successful from an economic, environmental and public health perspective, yielding one of the greatest cost-benefit ratios of any federal program, according to the Office of Management and Budget calculations. In a recent Report to Congress on the first year of the DERA program, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that for every dollar spent on the DERA program, an average of more than \$20 in health benefits are generated. Every state in the nation now has a diesel retrofit program and benefits from DERA funding.

We strongly support efforts to reauthorize the program for an additional five years at the current authorized level of funding along with modest changes as reflected in your draft bill. These changes will make the program more effective by streamlining the grant process, improving EPA's administration, removing outdated language, and ensuring full consideration of the congressional policies and priorities established in the law.

Sincerely,

Alabama State Port Authority
Allied Grape Growers
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 241

American Association of Port Authorities
(AAPA)
American Lung Association

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Emissions Control Technology Association
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Engine Control Systems Limited
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Environment North Carolina
Environment Northeast
Environment Ohio
Environmental Advocates of New York
Environmental Defense Fund
Environmental Health Watch (OH)
Environmental Justice League of Rhode Island
Environmental Law and Policy Center
Espar Heater Systems
Evangelical Diocese of the Northwest
First Student
Foss Maritime Company
Freight Wing Inc
Fresno County Farm Bureau
Friends of the Moshassuck (RI)
Georgia Ports Authority
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Gordon Trucking, Inc
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Greater Four Corners Action Coalition (GFCAC)
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Group Against Smog and Pollution (Pittsburgh)

Healthy Chicago Lawn Coalition
Howard Brown Health Center
Illinois Association of School Nurses
Illinois Environmental Council
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Illinois Public Health Association
Illinois Public Interest Research Group (PIRG)
Illinois School Transportation Association
Imperial Valley Vegetable Growers Association
Inland Power Group (Butler, WI)
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Chapter of Clean Water Action)
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