

March 28, 2011

The Honorable Jack Reed
Chairman
Subcommittee on Interior
Committee on Appropriations
131 Senate Dirksen Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior
Committee on Appropriations
125 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Reed and Ranking Member Murkowski:

As a uniquely broad coalition of environmental, science-based, public health, industry, labor and state and local government groups, we would like to express our thanks for your prior investments in the Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) program and state and local air quality grant programs. However, there are 20 million existing diesel engines in use today and immense opportunities remain to reduce diesel emissions through the DERA program. We respectfully request your continued support of this important program and ask that your Committee provide \$50 million for the DERA program in Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 (equal to FY 2008 levels). We also urge you to support the President's budget request of \$305.5 million for state and local air quality grants in FY 2012.

Diesel-powered vehicles and equipment play an important role in the nation's economy and are getting cleaner every day. DERA was designed to reduce emissions from the 20 million existing diesel engines in use today by as much as 90 percent. The continued need for DERA has been proven.

Since enactment in 2005, DERA has been successful from an economic, environmental and public health perspective. The DERA program has been responsible for the creation and retention of local US jobs that involve manufacturing, installation and servicing of emissions related technologies. In a FY 2008 Report to Congress, 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.

Throughout DERA's history, it has enjoyed strong bipartisan support; most recently demonstrated this past December when Congress took the extraordinary step of reauthorizing this important program during the lame duck session. We need your support to ensure the program's continued success. Without additional funding, the

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DERA program, and its environmental, public health, and economic and jobs benefits, will be in jeopardy.

We also request that you support the President's budget request of \$305.5 million for state and local air quality grants in FY 2012. We support this level of funding because state and local air quality agencies are under-funded and face increasing responsibilities – such as attaining and maintaining National Ambient Air Quality Standards, implementing clean air rules, and addressing toxic air pollutants.

States and localities and environmental, health, user and industry groups all support funding for diesel retrofits and clean air agencies because it is sound environmental, health and budgetary policy. It is our hope that Congress will continue to provide leadership on this issue and we urge you to allocate \$50 million for DERA and request that state and local air quality grants be funded at \$305.5 million because these grants are vital to achieve and sustain clean air and protect public health across the nation.

Sincerely,

Advanced Student Transportation
Advocates for Environmental Human Rights
(New Orleans)
Alabama State Port Authority
Albany Port District Commission
Alivio Medical Center
Allied Grape Growers
Almond Hullers & Processors Association
Alternatives for Community and
Environment (ACE)
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 241
American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA)
American Bottom Conservancy
American Lung Association
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American Lung Association in Arizona
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American Lung Association in Pennsylvania
American Lung Association in Rhode Island
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District of Columbia
American Lung Association in Utah

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American Lung Association in Wyoming	Chelsea Green Space and Recreation Committee
American Road & Transportation Builders Association	Chestnut Ridge Transportation, Inc.
Ann Arbor Clean Cities Coalition	Chicago Area Clean Cities Coalition
Appalachian Mountain Club, RI Chapter	Citizen Action/Illinois
Associated Equipment Distributors	Citizen Power
Associated General Contractors of America (AGC)	Citizens Against Ruining the Environment
Association of Equipment Manufacturers	Citizens Campaign for the Environment (NY)
B.R. Williams, Inc.	Citizens' Environmental Coalition
Bay Area Air Quality Management District	Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future (PennFuture)
Beaverton Schools Transportation Department	Claire Advanced Emissions Controls
Belmont Energy Committee	Clean Air Board of Central Pennsylvania
Beverly Unitarian Church; Green Sanctuary Group	Clean Air Carolina
Bike Pittsburgh	Clean Air Council
Bikes Not Bombs	Clean Air Task Force (CATF)
Blue Diamond Growers	Clean Air Watch
Boston Climate Action Network (BCAN)	Clean Air Zone Campaign
Breathe Clean Air Action Team (BCAAT, Inc.)	Clean Air-Cool Planet
Breathe Utah	Clean Diesel Technologies, Inc.
Brett Hulsey, Michigan State Representative	Clean Fuels Ohio
Building Healthy Communities (Cambridge, MA)	Clean New York
Building Healthy Communities (Putney, VT)	Clean Water Action - California
California Association of Wheat Growers	Clean Water Action - Chesapeake Region
California Citrus Mutual	Clean Water Action - Colorado
California Cotton Ginners Association	Clean Water Action - Connecticut
California Cotton Growers Association	Clean Water Action - Florida
California Dairy Campaign	Clean Water Action - Maryland
California Grape & Tree Fruit League	Clean Water Action - Michigan
California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, Air Quality Work Group	Clean Water Action - National
California Rice Commission	Clean Water Action - Pennsylvania
California Women for Agriculture	Clean Water Action - Rhode Island
Canary Coalition	Clean Water Action - Texas
Capitol Underground, Inc.	Clean Water Action Alliance of Massachusetts
Carolina Green Food Service Supply	Clean Water Action Alliance of Minnesota
Carrier Transicold of Detroit	Cleveland County Asthma Coalition (NC)
Cascade Sierra Solutions – Coburg, OR Branch	Coalition for Responsible Transportation (CRT)
Cascade Sierra Solutions – Fontana, CA Branch	Colorado Environmental Coalition
Cascade Sierra Solutions - National	Columbia Waterfront Neighborhood Association
Cascade Sierra Solutions – Portland, OR Branch	Community Bus Services, Inc
Cascade Sierra Solutions – Sacramento, CA Branch	Conservation Law Foundation
Cascade Sierra Solutions – Seattle, WA Branch	Consulting for Health, Air, Nature, & a Greener Environment, LLC
Catalytic Solutions, Inc.	Cornell Outdoor Education
Caterpillar Inc.	Corning Incorporated
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Cummins Power Systems, LLC
Cummins Rocky Mountain, LLC
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D. D. Jones Transfer & Warehouse Co. Inc.
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Detroit Local Initiatives Support Coalition
Developing Communities Project
Diesel Technology Forum (DTF)
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Energy Xtreme, LLC
Engine Control Systems Limited
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Environmental Health Fund
Environmental Justice League of Rhode Island
Environmental Law and Policy Center
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Greater Philadelphia Clean Cities Program
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Healthy Chicago Lawn Coalition
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Honeywell
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Huntington Coach Corporation
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Illinois Environmental Council
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Kentucky Environmental Foundation
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Leonardo Academy Inc
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Michigan Interfaith Power and Light
Michigan League of Conservation Voters
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning
 Commission (MORPC)
Mississippi State Port Authority
Montana Association of Churches
Montana Public Health Association
Mothers & Others for Clean Air (GA)
Mountain Valley Transportation
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National Association for Pupil
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Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)
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 Chapter of Clean Water Action)
New York Association for Pupil Transportation
New York Lawyers for the Public Interest (NYLPI)
New York Public Interest Research
 Group (NYPIRG)
New York School Bus Contractors Association
NGK Automotive Ceramics USA, Inc.
North Carolina Conservation Network
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Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA)
Pawtucket Alliance for Downtown
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Pennsylvania Council of Churches
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Pierce Coach Line, Inc.
Pilsen Environmental Rights &
 Reform Organization
Pitt County Memorial Hospital –
 Pediatric Asthma Program
Pittsburgh Region Clean Cities
Port City Transportation
Port Everglades
Port of Corpus Christi Authority
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Port of Oakland
Port of Pittsburgh
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Renewable Energy Long Island (RELI)
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 Safety and Health (RICOSH)
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Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality
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Tulare County Farm Bureau
Tulare Lake Drainage District
Tulare Lake Resource Conservation District
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Union County Environmental Health (NC)
United Food & Commercial Workers Local 1360
United Motorcoach Association
United Nurses and Allied Professionals
of Rhode Island
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Utah Physicians for a Healthy
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