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Reference: Letter of Support for the PAMT Berth and Crane Rail Enhancements Project

Dear Ms. Magee:

Philadelphia's Air Management Services, a division of the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, is pleased to offer our support for PRPA's grant proposal to fund projects through the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant program.

This proposal will reduce diesel emissions in the Philadelphia region. The Philadelphia Diesel Difference was formed to help build a coalition of diverse partners with a mutual interest in reducing air pollution from diesel engines in the greater Philadelphia area through voluntary programs and the use of innovative strategies including market-based approaches.

This project is designed to take proactive steps toward reducing PM_{2.5} and ozone precursor emissions and will help the region attain the 2008 Ozone NAAQS and continue to maintain the 1997, 2012 PM_{2.5} NAAQS, and 2006 PM_{2.5} NAAQs. In addition, reducing diesel pollution will have beneficial health impacts for our City's residents, particularly children, seniors, and those with health conditions such as asthma. Roughly 22% of our City's children suffer from asthma and the City was rated by the Asthma and Allergy Foundation as the third worst city for asthma sufferers.

Air Management Services recognizes PRPA's ongoing support in helping our City improve air quality and is committed to working with them on this and a variety of other initiatives to achieve our shared environmental objectives. We laud PRPA for its efforts to lower emissions and improve air quality and urge TIGER to do the same by funding this important project.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kassahun Sellassie, Acting Director
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