

January 16, 2009

The Honorable David Obey
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Room H-218, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Chairman Obey, Ranking Member Lewis, Chairman Dicks and Ranking Member Simpson:

We are writing as a broad-based group from the environmental and health community, state and local governments and industry to urge you to include \$1.5 billion for the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act ("DERA") in the economic recovery package.

It is our understanding that EPA has advised Congress that it has the capability to disburse \$1.5 billion expeditiously. EPA has the administrative infrastructure in place and has a large backlog in applications pending that cannot be funded. Additionally, the industry has enormous excess capacity because of the recession that can be activated quickly. The demand for funding is strong. According to a letter from Governor Schwarzenegger, California alone needs \$1.6 billion in DERA funding.

Independent economic analysis shows that \$1.5 billion in DERA funding can have a significant positive impact on the economy. According to an analysis prepared by Dr. Robert Wescott, who served on the Council of Economic Advisors during the Clinton Administration, such a level of funding could save 39,000 to 50,000 jobs and generate \$6.8 billion to \$8.7 billion in additional economic output. The actual economic effect depends upon the degree of matching funds that EPA is able to generate. In the past, EPA has been able to generate \$1.38 of matching funds for every \$1 of federal expenditures.

A substantial increase in DERA funding will also contribute significantly toward a cleaner environment. According to EPA, there are 11 million heavy duty vehicles and engines in-use today. These in-use vehicles and engines are the primary source of diesel emissions. The installation of clean diesel retrofits on the existing fleet can reduce particulate matter emissions by over 90% and achieve substantial health benefits cost effectively. EPA estimates that \$13 of health and economic benefits are generated from every \$1 spent on the DERA program.

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Moreover, increasing the installation of clean diesel retrofits through significant funding for DERA can generate global warming benefits. Recent studies show that black carbon from diesel exhaust has significant global warming potential. Clean diesel retrofits reduce this black carbon by over 90%.

Back in 2005, President-elect Obama joined a bi-partisan group of 21 other Senators to co-sponsor the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act of 2005 (“DERA”). The bill subsequently passed the Senate by a margin of 92 to 1 and was included in the Energy Policy Act of 2005, with the strong support of environmental groups, state governments, businesses, and trade associations. Rarely has an environmental initiative enjoyed such a broad base of support.

In light of all of these factors, we respectfully request that you fund the DERA program at \$1.5 billion. This constitutes good economic policy and good environmental policy, a winning combination.

Sincerely,

3E Envirosciences
Agricultural Council of California
AHL-TECH
Alabama State Port Authority
Allied Grape Growers
Almond Hullers and Processors Association
Alternatives for Community and Environment
American Association of Port
Authorities (AAPA)
American Lung Association
American Lung Association in Georgia
American Lung Association of California
American Lung Association of
Illinois – Greater Chicago
American Lung Association of Indiana
American Lung Association of Iowa
American Lung Association of Minnesota
American Lung Association of
New York State, Inc.
American Lung Association of North Dakota
American Lung Association of Ohio
American Lung Association of Rhode Island
American Lung Association of South Dakota
American Lung Association of the
Upper Midwest (ALAUM)
American Lung Association of Wisconsin
American Trucking Associations

Appalachian Mountain Club,
Narragansett (RI) Chapter
Arab Community Center for Economic and
Social Services (ACCESS)
Associated General Contractors
of America (AGC)
Association of Equipment Manufacturers
Atlantic Systems Inc
Audubon Society of Rhode Island
Autotherm Division Enthel Systems Inc.
Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council
BASF Catalyst LLC
Bettendorf Trucking
Blue Diamond Growers
Breathe California
Brett Hulsey, Dane County
Supervisor (Madison, WI)
Caldwell County Health Department
California Association of Wheat Growers
California Association of Winegrape Growers
California Cattlemen's Association
California Citrus Mutual
California Cotton Ginners Association
California Cotton Growers Association
California Dairy Campaign
California Farm Bureau Federation
California Forestry Association
California Grain and Feed Association

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California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley	Corning Incorporated
California Rice Commission	County of Contra Costa, California
California School Transportation Association	Craufurd Manufacturing, LLC
California Seed Association	CSX
California Trucking Association	Cummins Bridgeway LLC
California Warehouse Association	Cummins Filtration Findlay
California Women for Agriculture	Cummins Inc.
Carolinas Clean Air Coalition	D & S Trucking
Cascade Sierra Solutions	Deb Kennedy, Michigan State Representative
Catalytic Solutions, Inc.	Dell Transportation
Caterpillar Inc.	Dickinson Fleet Services, LLC
Catholic Charities, Diocese of	Diesel Technology Forum (DTF)
Stockton (Stockton, CA)	Donaldson Co., Inc
Center for Energy Efficiency and	Doran Mfg., LLC.
Renewable Technologies	Dorchester Environmental Health Coalition
Center for Transportation and the Environment	Doug Hodson Trucking Co
Charlotte Area Bicycle Alliance	Dousman Transport Company, Inc.
Chelsea Green Space and Recreation Committee	Durham School Services LLC
Chemical Logistics, Inc.	East Bay Clean Cities Coalition
Chestnut Ridge Transportation, Inc.	East Michigan Environmental Action Council
Chicago Clean Cities Coalition	Eaton Corporation
Chicago International Trucks	Ecology Center
Citizen Action of Illinois	Educational Bus Transportation, Inc.
Citizen Power	Emissions Control Technology
Citizens' Environmental Coalition	Association (ECTA)
Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future	Emisstar LLC
City of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia	EnergyCel
City of Fairburn, Georgia	Engine Control Systems Limited
City of Westland, Michigan	Engine Manufacturers Association (EMA)
Clean Air Board of Central Pennsylvania (CAB)	Environment Connecticut
Clean Air Task Force (CATF)	Environment Council of Rhode Island
Clean Air Watch	Environment North Carolina
Clean Fuels Ohio	Environment Northeast
Clean Power Campaign	Environment Rhode Island
Clean Water Action -- Michigan	Environmental Advocates of New York
Clean Water Action - Rhode Island	Environmental Defense Fund
Clean Water Action Alliance of Massachusetts	Environmental Justice League of Rhode Island
Clean Water Action, Connecticut	Espar Products
Clean Water Action, National	FitzGerald Corp.
Clean Water Action, Pennsylvania	Flatiron Power Systems
Coalition for Clean Air	Fleet Master Inc.
Coalition of Labor, Agriculture and	Foss Maritime Company
Business - Imperial	Freight Wing Inc
Coast Truck Centers	Fresno County Farm Bureau
Coastal Conservation League	Fresno Metro Ministry
Community Bus Services, Inc	Friends of the Earth
Commuter Challenge	Frigette Truck Climate Systems

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Gahanna-Jefferson Schools	Krapf Bus Companies
Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club	KyotoUSA
Georgia Clean Cities Coalition (Middle, North and South Georgia)	Lamar Lemmons, Jr., Michigan State Representative (Detroit)
Georgia Conservancy	Leadership Council of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Georgia Mining Association	Local Development Corporation of the West Bronx
Georgia Ports Authority	LocalMotion
Georgia Women's Action for New Directions	M.A.Turbo/Engine Ltd
Gladstein, Neandross & Associates	Makah Tribe
Great Lakes Ag Energy, LLC	Manufacturers of Emission Controls Association (MECA)
Green Diesel Wisconsin Foundation	Martha G. Scott, Michigan State Senator (Detroit)
Green Environmental Coalition	Maryland Port Administration
Groundwork Lawrence	Medical Advocates for Health Air (San Joaquin Valley, CA)
Groundwork Somerville	Merced County Farm Bureau
Group Against Smog and Pollution (GASP)	Metropolitan Mayors Caucus – Clean Air Counts Campaign
Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services	Michigan Environmental Council
Hansen Clarke, Michigan State Senator (SW Detroit)	Michigan League of Conservation Voters
Harris Construction Co., Inc.	Mothers and Others for Clean Air (GA)
Healthy Home Resources	Mulehead Transport (Reno, NV)
Hendrickson Bus Corporation	National Association for Pupil Transportation (NAPT)
Honeywell	National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA)
Human Action Community Organization	National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services (NASDPTS)
Huntington Coach Corporation	National Association of Waterfront Employers (NAWE)
HUSS LLC	National Railway Equipment Company
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality	National School Transportation Association
Illinois Maternal & Child Health Coalition	Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)
Illinois Student Environmental Coalition	NC Warn
Imperial County Farm Bureau	Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NECAUM)
Imperial Valley Vegetable Growers Association	New Jersey Environmental Federation (State Chapter of Clean Water Action)
Inland Power Group (Butler, WI)	New Jersey Work Environment Council
International Black Women's Congress-NJ Chapter	Newport Energy and Environment Commission
International Brotherhood of Teamsters	NGK Automotive Ceramics USA, Inc.
Ironbound Community Corporation, Newark	Nisei Farmers League
Ironman Parts & Services	North Carolina State Ports Authority
Jennifer Haase, Michigan State Representative	Northside Trucks and Equipment
JoAnn Watson, Detroit City Councilwoman	
Joe Costa Trucking	
Joelynn Sales and Services	
Johanson Charles Gallery	
Johnson Matthey, Inc	
Kayenta Township (AZ)	
Kent Environmental Council	
Kent Hospital, Warwick RI	
Kern County Farm Bureau	

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Nose Cone Mfg. Co.	Save the Bay
NxtGen Emission Controls USA Inc.	Scholastic Bus Company, NY
NYPIRG	School Bus, Inc.
Ocean State Clean Cities	Shape Up The Nation
Ohio Bus Association	Shorepower Technologies
Ohio Environmental Council	South Carolina State Ports Authority
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency	South Coast Air Quality Management District
Ohio League of Conservation Voters	South Shore Clean Cities of Northern Indiana
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality	Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
Oregon Environmental Council	Southwest Detroit Environmental Vision
Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association, Inc.	Stanislaus County Farm Bureau
Pacific Egg and Poultry Association	StarOilco
Pease Transportation	Stay Environmentally Focus ^d Foundation
People for Community Recovery	Steel City Biofuels
Physicians for Social Responsibility- Los Angeles	Student Xpress
Pitt County Memorial Hospital Pediatric Asthma Program	Sunrise Bus Company
Pittsburgh Region Clean Cities	Sunrise Southwest, LLC
Plains Pipeline, L.P.	Sunrise Transportation
Port Everglades	Sustainable Business Network of Rhode Island
Port of Everett	Sustainable Conservation
Port of Long Beach	Sustainable Pittsburgh
Port of Oakland	Tacoma Rail
Port of Pittsburgh Commission	TEC Equipment, INC
Port of Portland (OR)	Teleflex Power Systems
Port of Seattle	The Canary Coalition
Port of Tacoma	The TransGroup, LLC
Pratt Center for Community Development	The Wine Institute
Public Citizen	Thermo King Northwest Inc
Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority
R.T.I. Retland Transportation Inc	Toxics Information Project
Rachel Carson Homestead	Transportation Riders United
Railpower Hybrid Technologies, Corp	Trinity Alternative Energy Corp
Rapid Force Exhaust	Tulare County Farm Bureau
Regional Air Pollution Control Agency	Tulare Lake Resource Conservation District
Republic Locomotive	Umicore Autocat USA Inc.
Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago	Union of Concerned Scientists
Retail Industry Leaders Association	United Motorcoach Association
San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation	Voices for Earth Justice
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District	Washington State Department of Ecology
Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District	WE ACT for Environmental Justice, Inc. (WE ACT)
Sarah Roberts, Michigan State Representative	Western Farm Service
Save the Air in Nevada County (Nevada County, CA)	Western Mass COSH
	Western Plant Health Association
	WIH Resource Group (Phoenix, AZ)
	Wisconsin Biodiesel Association
	Yakima Regional Clean Air Authority

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We are writing in reference to the letter dated January 16, 2009 from the environmental and health community, state and local governments and industry regarding funding for the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act ("DERA") in the economic recovery package.

We respectfully transmit the names below as additional supporters of this request. Thank you for taking this expression of support into consideration.

Sincerely,

dba Integrated Marketing Consultants of Washington
Good Company
MIRATECH Corporation
Oregon Trucking Associations
Wisconsin Clean Cities - Southeast Area, Inc.