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OFFICE OF THE
ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Richard Moore
Chair
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Dear Mr. Moore:

I am writing to thank you and your fellow National Environmental Justice Advisory Council members for the engaging dialogue at your recent council meeting in Bethesda, Maryland. NEJAC has a long history of providing important advice and recommendations to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and I look forward to our continued partnership.

At the council meeting, we discussed crafting a charge for the NEJAC to provide advice and recommendations on the EPA's recent efforts to develop Lean Management System measures for the agency's environmental justice program. The NEJAC's input would be extremely valuable in developing meaningful measures for the Office of Environmental Justice. I will work with Associate Administrator Brittany Bolen and other EPA leadership to develop such a charge with the goal of delivering it to the NEJAC by the end of calendar year 2019.

In addition, I understand the concerns of NEJAC members regarding the EPA's environmental justice program funding. The EPA will continue to support its environmental justice programs consistent with the funds appropriated by Congress.

Finally, I will work with our leadership team to secure a time this summer for the NEJAC's leadership to meet with Administrator Andrew R. Wheeler.

I look forward to speaking with you again soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry Darwin".

Henry Darwin
Acting Deputy Administrator