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**Sixth District, New York**

March 28, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Administrator Regan:

I write in support of the New York City Department of Transportation's (NYC DOT) application for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Implementation program. This grant, which was created through the Inflation Reduction Act, will fund transformative freight decarbonization initiatives that will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful forms of pollution while promoting the health and well-being of federally designated Disadvantaged Communities.

More than half of New York City's census tracts are classified as Disadvantaged Communities, facing higher levels of air pollution and greater health burdens. As the Representative of New York's Sixth Congressional District, I see firsthand the effects that greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful forms of pollution have on my constituents. Each year, millions of tons of cargo enter, leave, or pass through NYC, with trucks accounting for 10% of citywide greenhouse gas emissions, furthering the harm to these Disadvantaged Communities. NYC DOT's proposed initiatives help to lessen this burden.

The proposed funding would enable NYC DOT to engage in four initiatives to equitably reduce freight greenhouse gas emissions. These initiatives will scale up NYC DOT's commercial cargo bike incentive program, establish small-scale local delivery hubs to transfer goods to smaller, low-emission electric vehicles or human-powered modes for efficient delivery, modernize marine infrastructure to expand "blue highways," and create new truck electrification and parking to aid in the transition to electric trucks in the region.

NYC DOT serves my constituents and is working to help Disadvantaged Communities. This funding would help to promote cleaner, healthier, and more equitable communities. Additionally, it represents a commitment to sustainability and environmental justice. I respectfully request that the EPA give full and fair consideration to the NYC DOT's application —FREIGHT-30: Facing

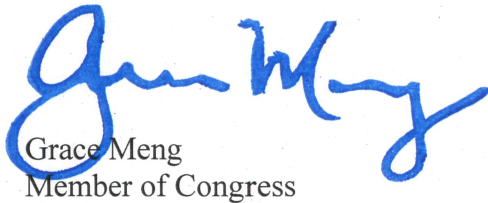
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Regional Environmental Challenges by Implementing Green and Healthy Transportation by 2030— for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Implementation program funding.

Thank you for your consideration and should you have any questions, please contact Tom Dinegar ([Tom.Dinegar@mail.house.gov](mailto:Tom.Dinegar@mail.house.gov)) of my staff.

Sincerely,



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