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Administrator Michael Regan
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Re: Application EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07 for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure for Taxis and Rideshare Vehicles and Zero-Emission Ground Support Equipment Voucher Program

Dear Administrator Regan:

I am writing to express support for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey's application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's NOFO (**EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07**) for its Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program. The Port Authority's request to the EPA addresses the implementation of two measures prioritizing GHG reduction: electric vehicle charging infrastructure (Measure 1) and airport ground support equipment (GSE) electrification (Measure 2).

Per the New York – New Jersey metropolitan statistical area's (NY-NJ MSA) Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP), transportation and stationary energy sectors are the largest sources of GHG emissions identified in the region's action plan. Both measures proposed to the EPA yield marked reductions in GHG emissions at Port Authority airports which include three of the nation's largest and most heavily transited air travel facilities for the movement of both people and goods globally. The measures outlined in the Port Authority's application reflect its commitment to climate action and will help the agency achieve its ambitious net zero goal.

The Port Authority's proposal aligns with the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission's (TLC) "Green Rides" initiative that requires the city's rideshare fleet to be either zero-emission or wheelchair accessible by 2030. Measure 1 of this proposal targets the tens of thousands of daily taxi and rideshare trips from the Port Authority's airports. Stakeholders represented among the rideshare and taxi community in New York and New Jersey have identified that airports are an essential part of their charging ecosystem.

There is a critical and urgent need to expand the number of power-ready sites in the region, and we welcome continued conversations with the Port Authority about opportunities to expand the number of fast charging stations at its airports. The proposed measures of this project will position the Port Authority, NY-NJ MSA, and regional partners as leaders in GHG emission reduction initiatives from the

aviation and vehicle sectors, by demonstrating the environmental, economic, and social benefits of decarbonization initiatives.

As the largest provider of openly accessible fast charging in New York city and the only operator of all electric ride-hail service Revel strongly supports the Port Authority's proposal and respectfully request that the U.S. EPA favorably consider the project request designed to reduce GHG emissions resulting from combustion engine vehicles traveling to and from Port Authority operated airports and from airside GSE.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical project that aligns with CPRG Program goals.

Sincerely,
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