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Administrator Michael Regan
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

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 Michael Regan,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to express my strong support for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey's application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program. The Port Authority's proposal addresses the pressing need for sustainable airport ground support equipment (GSE) electrification to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

As outlined in the New York - New Jersey metropolitan statistical area's Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP), the transportation and stationary energy sectors are the largest contributors to GHG emissions in the region. The Port Authority's proposed measures demonstrate a clear commitment to combating climate change by significantly reducing GHG emissions at their airports, which are among the busiest air travel hubs in the country.

Furthermore, the Port Authority's proposal directly aligns with DHL's own goals of incorporating zero-emission vehicles into our operations. In particular, Measure 2 of their application targets the replacement of thousands of internal combustion GSE with zero-emission alternatives. However, stakeholders in the GSE owner and leasing community have identified the upfront capital cost of zero-emission GSE as a significant barrier to achieving net-zero goals.


As DHL has set an ambitious target of achieving zero emissions by 2040, we strongly believe that federal grant funds will play a crucial role in making this transition possible. By supporting the Port Authority's proposal, the EPA can contribute to our collective efforts in achieving a more sustainable and environmentally-friendly future.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the U.S. EPA give favorable consideration to the Port Authority's project request, which aims to reduce GHG emissions from airside GSE and combustion engine vehicles traveling to and from Port Authority operated airports.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this critical project that aligns with the goals of the CPRG Program. Your support will not only benefit the Port Authority and DHL but also contribute to the larger global efforts in combating climate change.

Best regards,

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