



February 11, 2020

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Chairman, Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee
The Honorable Tom Udall, Ranking Member, Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee
The Honorable Betty McCollum, Chairman, House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee
The Honorable David Joyce, Ranking Member, House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee

Re: Fiscal Year 2021 EPA Diesel Emissions Reductions Grants

Dear Chairman Murkowski, Ranking Member Udall, Chairman McCollum and Ranking Member Joyce:

Transportation Energy Partners (TEP) is a national organization that brings together the nation's nearly 90 *Clean Cities* coalitions and their 15,000 stakeholders in the clean transportation industry to advance policies that will reduce American dependence on petroleum-based fuels. We would like to thank you for your ongoing investments in the US EPA Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) program and request your continued support of these grants. Specifically, we urge you to include \$100 million for the program when considering the FY 2021 Interior and Environment Appropriations bill.

Through 2016, EPA DERA grants have retrofitted or replaced more than 67,000 engines in vehicles, vessels, locomotives or other pieces of equipment. According to the EPA, each federal dollar invested in clean diesel projects has leveraged as much as \$3 from other public and private entities and generated between \$11 and \$30 in public health benefits. Each federal dollar invested in DERA also results in over \$2 in fuel savings. Since millions of Americans live where diesel emissions from older, heavily polluting diesel engines are often concentrated, we cannot afford to halt the progress. There remain at least 10 million older, heavily polluting diesel engines currently in use that have yet to be retrofitted, repowered, or replaced. So now is the time to increase our investment in this critical program.

As you know, the DERA program enjoys strong bipartisan support. The economic, public health, and environmental benefits are well-documented. Again, we to urge your Subcommittees to provide \$100 million for the DERA program in Fiscal Year 2021 to ensure its continued success.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let us know if you have questions or want more information concerning this request.

Sincerely,

Alleyn Harned
President

Transportation Energy Partners (TEP) is a national, non-profit policy and education organization that brings *Clean Cities* coalition leaders together with the clean transportation industry to advance policies that will reduce American dependence on petroleum-based fuels. Since 1993, the nearly 90 *Clean Cities* coalitions and their 15,000 stakeholders have played a leading role in implementing local programs and projects to deploy alternative fuels, vehicles, and infrastructure that have reduced petroleum consumption by more than 11.5 billion gallons.

Helping Clean Cities coalitions and working toward American energy independence since 1999.

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