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The Honorable Richard Hanna
319 Cannon House Office Building
District of Columbia 20515

The Honorable Donna Edwards
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Dear Congressman Hanna and Congresswoman Edwards:

On behalf of the Associated General Contractors (AGC) and the Clean Air Task Force (CATF), we thank you for your strong leadership in introducing the *Clean Construction Act of 2011*. Your bill provides state transportation officials the authority and funding to require use of clean construction equipment on federally-funded transportation projects in PM2.5 nonattainment and maintenance areas. We look forward to working with you in ensuring that your legislation is included in the next surface transportation reauthorization bill.

While diverse in membership and priorities, our organizations share a common interest in improving air quality and ensuring that the next generation of infrastructure projects is built utilizing clean emission control technology. AGC is the oldest and largest construction association in the country, with 95 Chapters and over 30,000 member companies; AGC has a presence in every state and local community. Similarly, CATF's Diesel Clean-Up Campaign is endorsed by 12 national organizations and over 500 organizations across the country, providing a presence locally in all 50 states and the District of Columbia

As you are well aware, diesel engines are the workhorse of our economy; diesel powers nearly all of the heavy-duty vehicles and equipment that are required to build and repair our roads, bridges, hospitals and schools. Your legislation provides a targeted approach to reducing particulate matter emissions from construction machines that will be used in the areas of the country that are struggling to meet federal air quality standards.

Emissions from older equipment can be reduced by up to 85 percent with the installation of cost-effective technology, and newly manufactured diesel-powered vehicles and equipment are becoming cleaner every day. While new diesel engines will include innovative clean diesel technology that achieves near zero particulate matter emissions, fleet turnover of equipment without that modern technology will take many years.

Utilizing cleaner diesel engines in transportation projects is a winning proposition. We thank you again for your leadership, commitment and vision in ensuring that the air we breathe and the projects we build are simultaneously strong and healthy for the communities in which they are built.

Sincerely,
Associated General Contractors of America

Clean Air Task Force