

November 9, 2010

Member of Congress
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3205

Dear Member of Congress:

As a uniquely broad coalition of environmental, science-based, public health, industry, labor and state and local government groups, we are writing in support of efforts to reauthorize the Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA), scheduled to expire at the end of fiscal year 2011. The program has been extremely successful in providing cost-effective public health and environmental benefits.

Diesel-powered vehicles and equipment play an important role in the nation's economy and are getting cleaner every day. DERA, originally enacted in 2005 with overwhelming bipartisan support, was designed to reduce emissions from the 20 million existing diesel engines in use today by as much as 90 percent.

Since enactment, DERA has been successful from an economic, environmental and public health perspective, yielding one of the greatest cost-benefit ratios of any federal program, according to the Office of Management and Budget calculations. In a recent Report to Congress on the first year of the DERA program, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that for every dollar spent on the DERA program, an average of more than \$20 in health benefits are generated. Every state in the nation now has a diesel retrofit program and benefits from DERA funding.

As a result of the program's success, DERA benefits from extensive broad-based support. Over 350 diverse companies and organizations from across the country have signed letters in support of DERA. In addition, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National Association of Counties and the National Conference of State Legislatures all adopted policies at their annual meetings this summer calling on Congress to reauthorize the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act. We encourage you to prioritize passage of this successful bi-partisan program the next time Congress is in session to ensure continued benefits for all.

We strongly support efforts to reauthorize the program for an additional five years at the current authorized level of funding along with a few modest changes. Changes proposed in draft legislation will make the program more effective by streamlining the grant process, improving EPA's administration, removing outdated language, and ensuring full consideration of the congressional policies and priorities established in the law.

We urge you to support efforts to reauthorize the Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA), by cosponsoring legislation once introduced, to ensure the continuation of this widely successful, cost effective program.

Sincerely,

Action for Regional Equity
Action United
AGC of Minnesota
AJC- Palm Beach County Regional Office
Alabama State Port Authority

Alban Tractor Company, Inc.
Albany Port District Commission
Alivio Medical Center
Allied Grape Growers
Almond Hullers & Processors Association

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Alternatives for Community and Environment (ACE)
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 241
American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA)
American Lung Association
American Lung Association in Alabama
American Lung Association in Alaska
American Lung Association in Arizona
American Lung Association in Arkansas
American Lung Association in California
American Lung Association in Colorado
American Lung Association in Connecticut
American Lung Association in DC
American Lung Association in Delaware
American Lung Association in Florida
American Lung Association in Georgia
American Lung Association in Hawaii
American Lung Association in Idaho
American Lung Association in Illinois
American Lung Association in Indiana
American Lung Association in Iowa
American Lung Association in Kansas
American Lung Association in Kentucky
American Lung Association in Louisiana
American Lung Association in Maine
American Lung Association in Maryland
American Lung Association in Massachusetts
American Lung Association in Michigan
American Lung Association in Minnesota
American Lung Association in Mississippi
American Lung Association in Missouri
American Lung Association in Montana
American Lung Association in Nebraska
American Lung Association in Nevada
American Lung Association in New Hampshire
American Lung Association in New Jersey
American Lung Association in New Mexico
American Lung Association in New York
American Lung Association in North Carolina
American Lung Association in North Dakota
American Lung Association in Ohio
American Lung Association in Oklahoma
American Lung Association in Oregon
American Lung Association in Pennsylvania
American Lung Association in Rhode Island
American Lung Association in South Carolina
American Lung Association in South Dakota
American Lung Association in Tennessee
American Lung Association in Texas

American Lung Association in Utah
American Lung Association in Vermont
American Lung Association in Virginia
American Lung Association in Washington
American Lung Association in West Virginia
American Lung Association in Wisconsin
American Lung Association in Wyoming
American Road & Transportation Builders Association
Appalachian Voices
Artic Breeze/Hammond Air Conditioning Limited
Associated California Loggers
Associated Equipment Distributors
Associated General Contractors of America (AGC)
Associated General Contractors of Greater Milwaukee
Association of American Railroads
Association of Equipment Manufacturers
Asthma Regional Council
Atlanta Bicycle Coalition
Autotherm Division Enthel Systems Inc.
B.R. Williams, Inc.
Baltimore Nonviolence Center
BASF Catalyst LLC
Baumot North America, LLC
Bay Area Air Quality Management District
Beaverton Schools Transportation
Beck Bus Transportation
Bell Associates International LLC
Beverly Unitarian Church
Bike Pittsburgh
Bikes Not Bombs
Blue Diamond Growers
Boston Climate Action Network (BostonCAN)
Boston Healthy Homes and Schools Collaborative
Brattain International Trucks, Inc.
Breast Cancer Action Coalition
Breathe Clean Air Action Team (BCAAT, Inc.)
Brett Hulsey, Dane County Supervisor, District 4
California Association of Wheat Growers
California Cattlemen's Association
California Citrus Mutual
California Cotton Ginners Association
California Cotton Growers Association
California Dairy Campaign
California Farm Bureau Federation

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California Grape & Tree Fruit League	Clean Air Task Force (CATF)
California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, Air Quality Work Group	Clean Air Watch
California Rice Commission	Clean Energy Coalition (MI)
California School Transportation Association	Clean Fuels Ohio
California Women for Agriculture	Clean New York
Campbell Maritime, Inc.	Clean Water Action - California
Canary Coalition	Clean Water Action - Chesapeake Region
Capitol Underground, Inc.	Clean Water Action - Colorado
Carolina Green Food Service Supply	Clean Water Action - Connecticut
Cascade Sierra Solutions – Coburg, OR Branch	Clean Water Action - Florida
Cascade Sierra Solutions – Fontana, CA Branch	Clean Water Action - Michigan
Cascade Sierra Solutions - National	Clean Water Action - National
Cascade Sierra Solutions – Portland, OR Branch	Clean Water Action - Pennsylvania
Cascade Sierra Solutions – Sacramento, CA Branch	Clean Water Action - Rhode Island
Cascade Sierra Solutions – Seattle, WA Branch	Clean Water Action - Texas
Catalytic Solutions, Inc.	Clean Water Action Alliance of Massachusetts
Caterpillar Inc.	Cleveland County Asthma Coalition (NC)
Center for Biological Diversity	Coalition for Responsible Transportation (CRT)
Center for the Celebration of Creation (Philadelphia, PA)	Coalition of Labor, Agriculture and Business - Imperial
Central Valley Air Quality Coalition (CVAQ)	Commuter Challenge
Charlotte Area Bicycle Alliance	Connecticut Citizen Action Group
Charlotte Energy Solutions	Constructors Association of Western Pennsylvania
Chelsea Board of Health	Consulting for Health, Air, Nature, and a Greener Environment (CHANGE)
Chelsea Collaborative, Inc	Consumer Health Coalition
Chelsea Creek Action Group	Corning Incorporated
Chelsea Green Space and Recreation Committee	Craufurd Manufacturing, LLC
Chesapeake Climate Action Network	Cummins Atlantic, LLC
Chestnut Ridge Transportation, Inc.	Cummins Bridgeway LLC
Chicago Area Clean Cities	Cummins Cal Pacific, LLC
Childhood Lead Action Project	Cummins Crosspoint, LLC
Citizen Action/Illinois	Cummins Inc.
Citizen Power	Cummins Mid-South, LLC
Citizens Against Ruining the Environment	Cummins Northeast, LLC
Citizens Environmental Coalition	Cummins Northwest, LLC
Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future (PennFuture)	Cummins NPower LLC
City of Pittsburgh	Cummins Power South, LLC
City of Westland, Michigan	Cummins Power Systems, LLC
Cleaire Advanced Emissions Controls	Cummins Rocky Mountain, LLC
Clean Air Board of Central Pennsylvania	Cummins Southern Plains, LLC
Clean Air Carolina	Cummins West, Inc.
Clean Air Council	DC Environmental Network
Clean Air Partnership	Dean Transportation
	Deere & Company
	Dell Transportation
	Developing Communities Project
	Diesel Technology Forum (DTF)
	Donaldson Company

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Dorchester Environmental Health
Coalition (DEHC)
Dousman Transport Company, Inc.
Duluth Seaway Port Authority
Durham School Services LLC
E Global Solutions, Inc., (EGS)
Earth Day Coalition
Earth Force, Inc.
Earthjustice
East Michigan Environmental Action Council
Eaton Corporation
ECO-Action
Ecology Center
Ecumenical Ministry of Oregon
Educational Bus Transportation, Inc.
Emissions Control Technology
Association (ECTA)
Emisstar LLC
EnergyCel
EnergyXtreme
Engine Control Systems Limited
Engine Manufacturers Association (EMA)
Environment Maryland
Environment North Carolina
Environment Northeast
Environment Ohio
Environment Oregon
Environment Rhode Island
Environmental Advocates of New York
Environmental Defense Fund
Environmental Health Fund
Environmental Health Watch (OH)
Environmental Justice League of Rhode Island
Environmental Justice Partnership
Environmental Law and Policy Center
Espar Heater Systems
Evangelical Diocese of the Northwest
Farmworker Association of Florida
First Student
FitzGerald Corp.
Foss Maritime Company
Fowler Bus Company, Inc.
Freight Wing Inc
Fresno County Farm Bureau
Friends of the Earth
Friends of the Moshassuck (RI)
GA Women's Actions for New Directions
Georgia Mining Association
Georgia Women's Action for New
Directions (GA WAND)
Gladstein, Neandross & Associates
Gordon Trucking, Inc
Great Land Conservation Trust
Greater Four Corners Action Coalition
(GFCAC)
Greater Lansing Area Clean Cities
Green Communities Coalition
Green Cycle Group -
Northeastern Illinois University
Green Decade Cambridge
Green Medford (Medford, MA)
Green Sanctuary Group
GreenLaw
Greenpeace
Groundwork Lawrence
Groundwork Somerville
Group Against Smog and Pollution
(Pittsburgh)
Growth Through Energy + Community
Health (GTECH)
Health Resources in Action, Inc
Healthy Chicago Lawn Coalition
Healthy Schools Campaign
Hendrickson Bus Corporation
Hill District Consensus Group
Howard Brown Health Center
Huntington Breast Cancer Action Coalition
Huntington Coach Corporation
Idle Free Systems Inc
Illinois Association of School Nurses
Illinois Environmental Council
Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition
Illinois Public Health Association
Illinois Public Interest Research Group (PIRG)
Illinois School Transportation Association
Imperial Valley Vegetable
Growers Association
Inland Power Group (Butler, WI)
Institute for Local Self-Reliance
InterMotive, Inc
Interreligious Eco-Justice Network
(Connecticut's Interfaith
Power and Light)
Jaco Transportation, Inc.
James Ginda, MA, RRT, AE-C, CHES
John Engen, Mayor- Missoula, Montana
Johnson Matthey, Inc
Kern County Farm Bureau
Kings County Farm Bureau
Kobussen Buses Ltd.
Krapf Bus Companies
KyotoUSA

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Lawrence Mayor's Health Task Force
Leadership Council of the Congregation of the
Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate
Heart of Mary
Leonardo Academy Inc
Liqtech NA
LivableStreets Alliance
M & M Bus Service, Inc.
M.A.Turbo/Engine Ltd
MA Republicans for Environmental Protection
Madeline Island Ferry Line
Madera County Farm Bureau
Makah Tribe
Mankato Area Environmentalists
MANN+HUMMEL
Manufacturers of Emission Controls
Association (MECA)
Maryland Port Administration –
Port of Baltimore
Maryland Public Interest Research
Group (PIRG)
Massachusetts Climate Action Network
Massachusetts Port Authority
Mattabeseck Audubon Society
McHenry Pressure Cleaning Systems
McLean Contracting Company
Mecklenburg County, NC, Board of
County Commissioners
Merced County Farm Bureau
Metrolina Biofuels
Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Clean
Air Counts Campaign
Michigan Citizen Action
Michigan Environmental Council
Michigan Infrastructure &
Transportation Association
Michigan Interfaith Power and Light
Michigan League of Conservation Voters
Middlesex Clean Air Association
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning
Commission (MORPC)
Minnesota Center for Environmental
Advocacy
Minnesota Clean Water Action Alliance
Minnesota School Bus Operators Association
MIRATECH Corporation
Mississippi State Port Authority
Mobile Bay Audubon Society
Montana Association of Churches
Montana Public Health Association
Mothers & Others for Clean Air (GA)
MTU Detroit Diesel Inc.
MV Student Transportation
National Association for Pupil
Transportation (NAPT)
National Association of Clean Air
Agencies (NACAA)
National Association of Counties
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of State Directors of
Pupil Transportation Services
National Association of Waterfront
Employers (NAWE)
National Ground Water Association
National School Transportation Association
Natural Resources Council of Maine
Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)
Navistar, Inc.
NC Conservation Network
NC Pediatric Society
NC WARN
Near Northwest Neighborhood Network
Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH)
Neighborhood Planning
Unit H Health Committee
New Jersey Clean Cities Coalition
New Jersey Environmental Federation
(State Chapter of Clean Water Action)
New York Association for Pupil
Transportation
New York Public Interest Research
Group (NYPIRG)
NGK Automotive Ceramics USA, Inc.
Nine Mile Run Watershed Association
Nisei Farmers League
North Carolina State Ports Authority
Northeast Ohio Clean Fuels Program
Northeast States for Coordinated Air
Use Management (NESCAUM)
Northwest Environmental Defense Center
Nose Cone Mfg. Co.
Nuestras Raices
NxtGen Emission Controls USA Inc.
NY Student Xpress
Ocean State Action (RI)
Ohio Contractors Association
Ohio Environmental Council
Ohio League of Conservation Voters
Ohio Network for the Chemically Injured
One Less Car
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Oregon Environmental Council

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Oregon Interfaith Power and Light
Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility
Oregon Toxics Alliance
Oregon Trucking Associations
Pace Energy and Climate Center
Pacific Merchant Shipping Association
Pacific Northwest Waterways
Association (PNWA)
Parallel Housing, Inc.
Pennsylvania Council of Churches
Petermann LTD
Physicians for Social
Responsibility - Sacramento
Physicians for Social
Responsibility- Tampa Bay
Pierce Coach Line, Inc.
Pilsen Environmental Rights
& Reform Organization
Pioneer Valley AFL-CIO
Pioneer Valley Asthma Coalition
Pitt County Memorial Hospital –
Pediatric Asthma Program
Pittsburgh Interfaith Impact Network
Pittsburgh Region Clean Cities
Pittsburgh UNITED
Port Authority of New York & New Jersey
Port Everglades
Port of Corpus Christi Authority
Port of Everett
Port of Houston Authority
Port of Long Beach
Port of Los Angeles
Port of Oakland
Port of Pittsburgh Commission
Port of Portland (OR)
Port of San Francisco
Port of Seattle
Port of Tacoma
Portland, CT Clean Energy Task Force
Portland-River Valley Garden Club
Prevention is the Cure, Inc. (Huntington, NY)
Progress Michigan
R.I.C.H.T.E.R. Foundation
Rachel Carson Institute
Rachel's Friends Breast Cancer Coalition
Regional Air Pollution Control Agency
Regional Environmental Council
of Central Mass
Renewable Energy Long Island (RELI)
Republicans for Environmental Protection
Respiratory Health Association

of Metropolitan Chicago
Retail Industry Leaders Association
Rhode Island Chapter- Interfaith
Power and Light
Rhode Island Chapter of the Sierra Club
Rhode Island Committee on Occupational
Safety and Health (RICOSH)
Rhode Island Nurses Association
Rhode Island Society for Respiratory Care
Riteway Bus Service, Inc.
RJ Corman Railroad Group
Robert Bosch LLC
Rolling V Bus Corp.
Rush Truck Center -- Abilene (TX)
Rush Truck Center -- Albuquerque (NM)
Rush Truck Center -- Alice (TX)
Rush Truck Center -- Ardmore (OK)
Rush Truck Center -- Atlanta (GA)
Rush Truck Center -- Austin (TX)
Rush Truck Center -- Chandler (AZ)
Rush Truck Center -- Dallas (TX)
Rush Truck Center -- Denver (CO)
Rush Truck Center -- El Centro (CA)
Rush Truck Center -- El Paso (TX)
Rush Truck Center -- Escondido (CA)
Rush Truck Center -- Flagstaff (AZ)
Rush Truck Center -- Fontana (CA)
Rush Truck Center -- Fort Worth (TX)
Rush Truck Center -- Greeley (CO)
Rush Truck Center -- Haines City (FL)
Rush Truck Center -- Houston (TX)
Rush Truck Center -- Jacksonville (FL)
Rush Truck Center -- Laredo (TX)
Rush Truck Center -- Las Cruces (NM)
Rush Truck Center -- Lufkin (TX)
Rush Truck Center -- Mobile (AL)
Rush Truck Center -- Nashville (TN)
Rush Truck Center -- Oklahoma City (OK)
Rush Truck Center -- Orlando (FL)
Rush Truck Center -- Pharr (TX)
Rush Truck Center -- Phoenix (AZ)
Rush Truck Center -- Pico Rivera (CA)
Rush Truck Center -- San Antonio (TX)
Rush Truck Center -- San Diego (CA)
Rush Truck Center -- Sealy (TX)
Rush Truck Center -- Sylmar (CA)
Rush Truck Center -- Tampa (FL)
Rush Truck Center -- Texarkana (TX)
Rush Truck Center -- Tucson (AZ)
Rush Truck Center -- Tulsa (OK)
Rush Truck Center -- Tyler (TX)

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Rush Truck Center -- Winter Garden (FL)
Rypos, Inc.
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality
Management District
San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution
Control District
San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution
Control District
Santa Barbara County Air Pollution
Control District
School Bus, Inc.
Science and Environmental Health Network
SD Johnston Engineering Consultants
Service Employees International Union Local
23 BJ Pittsburgh
Shadowood Technology Inc
Shorepower Technologies
Sierra Club --- Allegheny Group
Sierra Club, Atlantic Chapter
Somerville Climate Action
South Carolina Coastal Conservation League
South Carolina State Ports Authority
South Coast Air Quality Management District
South Shore Clean Cities, Inc.
(Northern Indiana)
Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
Southern Environmental Law Center
Southwest Detroit - South Dearborn
Environmental Collaborative
Southwest Detroit Clean Diesel Collaborative
Southwest Detroit Community
Benefits Coalition
Southwest Detroit Environmental Vision
Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency
Stanislaus County Farm Bureau
Starcrest Consulting Group, LLC
State of Wisconsin Office
of Energy Independence
Sunrise Bus Company
Sunrise Southwest, LLC
Sunrise Transportation
Sustainable Conservation
Sustainable Energy Alliance of Long Island
Sustainable Englewood Initiatives
Sustainable Pittsburgh
Tacoma Rail
Tampa Port Authority
Tenneco, Inc.
Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning
Tennessee Environmental Council
Tennessee Interfaith Power and Light
The Construction Institute
The TransGroup, LLC
Thomas Built Buses, Inc.
Toxics Information Project
Triangle Clean Cities Coalition
Truck Manufacturers Association
Tulare County Farm Bureau
Umicore Autocat USA Inc.
Union County Environmental Health (NC)
Union of Concerned Scientists
United Food and Commercial
Workers Union Local 23
United Motorcoach Association
United States Chamber of Commerce
University of Maryland for Clean Energy
Utah Clean Cities Coalition
Village of Oak Park, Illinois
Virginia Port Authority
Vision Transportation Services, Inc.
Voices for Earth Justice
Volvo Group North America
Wake County Asthma Coalition
Washington State Department of Ecology
Western MA Jobs with Justice
Western Massachusetts Coalition for
Occupational Safety and Health
Western N.C. Physicians
for Social Responsibility
Western States Petroleum Association
Western United Dairymen
WI. Engine Manufacturers
& Distributors Alliance
WIH Resource Group
Wisconsin Clean Cities – Southeast Area, Inc.
Women for a Healthy Environment
Women’s Voices for the Earth
Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency
Yancey Power Systems
Zeeland Public Schools