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Dear Mr. Hough:

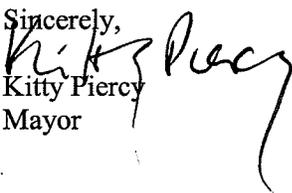
The City of Eugene is pleased to be a partner in the *Clean Lane Fleets: Partners for Clean Air and a Healthy Community* project. We are committed to this effort that will provide funding to retrofit City of Eugene public fleet equipment with diesel oxidation catalysts (DOCs) and diesel particulate filters (DPFs). These retrofits are a proven, cost-effective solution for emission reductions.

The Eugene/Springfield area is currently designated a non-attainment area for PM₁₀ and experiences high levels of PM_{2.5} (fine particulate) during the winter months. Intersected by the heavily used I-5 corridor, Highway 126, and Highway 99, the area is impacted by diesel emissions from freeway traffic.

Retrofitting public equipment will help reduce emissions from diesel vehicles that spend most of their time in city neighborhoods. Lane County has the third highest rate of asthma in the state of Oregon. A high incidence of asthma within our young population makes it imperative we find ways to reduce particle pollution from diesel vehicles. This program will also benefit the City employees who operate diesel equipment on a daily basis. Reducing their exposure to harmful diesel emissions will result in overall better health, fewer sick days, and increased productivity.

The City of Eugene has been recognized as one of the first public agencies in the state of Oregon to qualify at the silver level of the diesel recognition program by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. This program is part of Oregon's Clean Diesel Initiative and recognizes the City of Eugene for its efforts to reduce carbon emissions through the use of alternative fuels such as B20. In addition, the City of Eugene Fleet and Radio Communication Services section is accredited by the American Public Works Association as part of APWA's national accreditation program for Public Works Departments. This accreditation recognizes the high level of service delivery and sustainable practices provided by the City of Eugene Public Works Department in providing ongoing fleet-and radio-related services.

The City of Eugene has been an enthusiastic partner with LRAPA for over 40 years. This project complements our "Sustain Eugene" campaign, which promotes sustainable practices to ensure a healthy community for future generations. We look forward to future joint efforts to reduce pollution and reach our goal of making Eugene a healthy community for all residents.

Sincerely,

Kitty Piercy
Mayor