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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
National Clean Diesel Program
2000 Traverwood Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

RE: Support for San Diego Airport Authority’s Proposal to the Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program FY1 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Cleantech San Diego, please accept this letter as one of strong support for the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority’s (Airport Authority) grant proposal to the EPA Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program for Fiscal Year 2016. The proposal builds off of the Airport Authority’s successful leadership in the San Diego region on working to improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Cleantech San Diego is a nonprofit member organization that positions the greater San Diego region as a global leader in the cleantech economy. The organization achieves this by fostering collaborations across the private-public-academic landscape, leading advocacy efforts to promote cleantech priorities, and encouraging investment in the San Diego region.

As such, we have a shared interest with the Airport Authority on addressing air quality and have benefitted greatly from our past and ongoing collaborations with them. Their proposal to replace diesel ground support equipment with electric versions and install related electric chargers airside, in collaboration with airlines, will further support our smart cities efforts and help us demonstrate the value of private-public partnerships in reaching our clean transportation goals. If awarded, we pledge to assist the Airport Authority by offering input on the project’s implementation and sharing its achievements and lessons learned with our members and the broader community.

Again, Cleantech San Diego strongly supports the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority’s grant proposal to the EPA Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jason Anderson
President and CEO
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