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Dear Ms. Shafer:

As the Policy Board for the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (CLMPO), the Metropolitan Policy Committee is pleased to support the proposed truck replacement project offered by Gary Compton Construction LLC. As the MPO for the Eugene/Springfield area in Lane County, if approved for funding the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) will incorporate the project and projected air quality benefits into the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP).

While diesel powered trucks and equipment provide fuel efficient support for heavy-duty freight movement and construction, the older engines also emit a variety of harmful toxic pollutants, many of which also adversely affect climate change. Removing older trucks from service, as proposed in this project, and replacing them with newer, lower emission vehicles can reduce emissions considerably while still meeting the demands for efficiently delivered power.

This project proposal supports the *Healthy People and Environment* Goal in the CLMPO's recently adopted long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to collaborating with Gary Compton Construction on this partnership project for cleaner air.

Sincerely yours,

Randy Groves
Chair, Metropolitan Policy Committee
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