To whom it may concern:

I would like to comment on the use of the VW trust funds in Texas. I live the DFW area, which has some of the worst air quality in the state, and even the nation. I therefore know how important it is to get the most bang for our buck in terms of reducing air pollution. For that reason, I want to suggest that Texas use funds from the VW settlement for encouraging private and public sector use of natural gas engines.

Unlike electric engines, natural gas engines are available today for use in many heavy duty truck applications. Moreover, some natural gas engines (9 and 12 liter) have recently been certified as ultra-low NOx emitters, meaning that they achieve at least a 90% reduction in NOx production versus the current standard! Moreover, natural gas engines can make use of renewable natural gas, a green fuel made from landfills that is becoming steadily more available.

Natural gas engines are also the most cost-effective way to reduce NOx pollution. Although they can be more expensive than the newest diesel engines, they reduce NOx pollution to a much greater extent. Electric engines are the most expensive, with the result that they are the least cost-effective.

Please produce a plan for spending the VW trust funds that, within the bounds of the VW settlement terms, does the most to encourage adoption of natural gas vehicles.

Sincerely,

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