To whom it may concern:

I would like to recommend that school bus replacement be considered as the highest priority for use of the Environmental Mitigation Trust funds. The state had over 42,000 buses traveling over 351,800,000 miles for the 2016-2017 school year according to the latest Texas Education Agency reports. Of those buses, 17,395 were reported over 10 years old. Focusing on replacing those over 10 year old buses would be a huge improvement on emissions.

School Transportation is rarely a funding priority at the local level. It is very difficult for a director to get funding approval to purchase cleaner burning buses solely based on emissions. A grant for replacing even one bus would allow many districts to replace a significant amount of buses that would otherwise be disproportionately adding to the pollution in our great state.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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