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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Air Quality Division
Implementation Grants Section, MC-204
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, TX 78711-3087
ATTN: VW Settlement

The Hood County Clean Air Coalition would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment regarding the development of the Volkswagen Beneficiary Mitigation Plan for Texas.

The Hood County Clean Air Coalition is a proactive organization comprised of businesses, schools, local government, and citizens whose goal is to promote clean air in Hood County, Texas. As Hood County is a near-nonattainment area for ozone that is adjacent to the DFW nonattainment area, we feel that the Volkswagen funds should be concentrated in the nonattainment and near-nonattainment areas to address air quality issues of ozone that are already present. By reducing emissions in these areas, it will also serve to reduce the transport of these emissions that contribute to ozone in the less populous and more rural areas leading to a more efficient use of funds. We feel that up to 90% of the funding should be reserved for the near-nonattainment and nonattainment areas. We feel distribution of funds should be based on the number of registered affected vehicles in each of the regions. The remaining funds should be available for other interested regions to enhance their opportunities to improve air quality across the state. With public fleets eligible to receive 100% of the cost, these funds can help public fleets that are working to reduce emissions from older equipment as well as improve emissions from local public transit that would also benefit traffic congestion.

Sincerely,

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Dave Porcher
Chairman, Hood County Clean Air Coalition

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