September 4, 2018

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, TX 78711-3087

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the current proposed allocation of funds received from the settlement agreement with Volkswagen (VW) and its related entities for violation of the Federal Clean Air Act regarding nitrogen oxides emission controls. The area I represent - which includes Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe counties - is one of the fastest growing areas of the state and is currently expected to receive $73.5 million to reduce emissions. I believe this amount is critical to help the region meet the ozone standard and can be best utilized to help achieve attainment before the pending 2020 deadline. If San Antonio does not reach attainment, stricter regulations will go into effect and have a substantial economic impact on the region. It is clear to me that the appropriate distribution of these funds represents a unique opportunity to improve air quality and reduce pollution from emissions in our communities. I appreciate you taking the time to consider my request. Please contact my office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Senator Donna Campbell, M.D.
State Senator District 25