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Ms. Jackson:

The El Dorado County Air Quality Management District strongly supports the El Dorado County Transit Authority (EDCTA) request for Federal Transit Administration 5309 Ladders of Opportunity grant program funds to purchase local fixed route replacement vehicles. The EDCTA has operated since 1975 as the sole public transit provider within the Western Slope of El Dorado County.

If awarded, this project will fund the replacement of 10 busses with new clean diesel transit busses. The resulting net emission reduction is estimated to be 0.18 tons per year. Project cost effectiveness is estimated at \$549/lb. of emissions reduced. The increased capacity and improved accessibility provided by the new busses may increase ridership, further enhancing the air quality benefits.

Respectfully,

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