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Michael S. Regan, Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
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RE: The Port of Oakland's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Applications

Dear Administrator Regan,

I write regarding the Port of Oakland's (the Port) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Applications. According to the Port, these two applications will cover both the Seaport and the Airport's operations, in which they are a sustainability leader in the transportation and goods movement sector. Per the Port of Oakland, they are working to transition their operations to zero-emissions and are supported by an ambitious statewide vision of eliminating greenhouse gas emissions and working proactively with all stakeholders to achieve those goals.

While the Port is working to transition its operations to zero-emissions, the Airport (OAK) has established a target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 50 percent by 2030 and 100 percent by 2040. According to the Port, the proposed project will enable the use of renewable natural gas (RNG) at OAK as part of a new initiative with the City of San Leandro's Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP). Per the Port, OAK currently receives fossil-based natural gas from the local gas utility to fuel critical central utility plant equipment that supports OAK's daily operations. They believe the Airport has a high, long-term demand for local sources of clean, low-carbon, baseload renewable energy.

Furthermore, they stated the second submission addresses the significant demand on the electrical grid to support the conversion of existing cargo handling equipment (CHE) to zero emissions at the Seaport. According to the Port, the proposed project seeks to upgrade eight substations to accommodate additional electricity usage. While, they stated the main focus of this project is to support CHE, improvements to the electric distribution grid will also support electric power for non-containerized ocean-going vessels while at berth and improve Port and community electrical grid resiliency.

I kindly request the applications are given full and fair consideration, in accordance with applicable laws and guidelines. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara Lee".

Barbara Lee  
Member of Congress