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To: <u>Paula Wilson</u>

Subject: Public comment re: State of Idaho Volkswagen Preliminary Draft Beneficiary Mitigation Plan (BMP)

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Please consider this an official public comment.

To whom it may concern,

As the owner of an electric vehicle, I would like to see most of these funds spent to increase the ease and availability of charging for electric vehicle owners. Zero emission vehicle adoption and promotion should be a key component of the plans for these funds since charging stations are difficult to find and are often in use when I've needed to charge my car.

I support the outlined use of the 15% of the state's allocation for the use of building our ZEV supply equipment and designation to OEMR and support the funding priority areas identified with the ITD alternative fuel corridor. I would also advocate for using the 35% of funding in the Trucks and Buses category exclusively on electric replacements or retrofits to maximize the immediate and long term NOx reductions and provide additional benefits of reduced fuel, maintenance and operation costs. Additionally, I advocate for using the 20% of funding in the Locomotives, Airport Equipment, and Forklifts categories exclusively on electric replacements or retrofits to maximize the immediate and long term NOx reductions and provide additional benefits of reduced fuel, maintenance and operation costs.

As for the DERA Option, I would want these funds to be shifted to prioritize projects that lead to the adoption of more electric vehicles.

I would like to encourage the DEQ to build in transparency, diverse stakeholder involvement and public input into the funding decision process. Furthermore, I oppose the "implementation timeline" criteria because it creates pressure for immediacy in a process that will be carried out over several years.

Thank you, Laurie Kuntz 5742 N. Black Sand Ave. Meridian ID 83647