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Scott York
Chair, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB)
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Dear Mr. York:

As you may be aware, the COG Board of Directors adopted targets for greenhouse gas reductions in the region for 2012, 2020, and 2050, as part of the 2008 NCR Climate Change Report. CEEPC has developed a set of action plan items through 2016 to reach the 2020 reduction goal. One of those action items is to develop community-level greenhouse gas inventories to assess progress in meeting our goals.

COG/DEP staff is currently working to develop an annual greenhouse gas inventory that is consistent across the region and that can be used by COG members for their planning efforts. In discussions with COG staff that support the TPB, we are aware that there is not currently a readily available emissions inventory for the transportation sector for 2012. We understand that COG staff are considering developing a new annual work activity to prepare such an inventory that could be used in the CEEPC progress report and emissions tracking efforts moving forward.

To that end, I am writing to formally request that TPB develop and provide an annual emissions inventory for the transportation sector that can be used to support the CEEPC climate and energy action plan goals to prepare community wide greenhouse gas emissions for all of the COG member governments. We are hopeful that this can be an activity that you will support on an annual basis as well.

We look forward to collaborating with you on this important new regional initiative.

Cordially yours,

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Chair, CEEPC

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