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Dear Mr. Logan:

It was a pleasure to speak with you and other members of the Moving Forward Network on April 5, 2016, to discuss your request to create an internal freight working group at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Thank you for bringing so many of your coalition members to the District of Columbia to share their knowledge and experiences with me and others at the EPA. Please convey my gratitude to your members for visiting with us here and for all of their efforts to make their communities better, cleaner, healthier places to live.

I agree with you that there can be significant impacts on communities from ports and other goods-movement activities. The EPA works through its headquarters and regional offices and with other federal agencies on a number of programs to reduce those impacts. However, I also know that we can do more and that we will be more effective if we are well-coordinated across the agency and able to meaningfully engage with affected communities.

As you are aware, we are currently in the final stages of our ports-related efforts with the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee. We just issued the final draft of our EJ 2020 Action Agenda, and we are leading the Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice's Goods Movement Committee. Now is the right time to create an agencywide goods-movement working group to bring the work together and to ensure solid results. This working group will be jointly led by the Office of Transportation and Air Quality and Region 9, and it will include the EPA's regional offices, the Office of Environmental Justice, the Office of Water and the Office of Research and Development.

In the near term this working group will formalize its membership and structure by including other EPA offices and regions. The longer-term aim of this group in 2017-18 will be developing a goods-movement strategy agencywide and within a broader federal context of goods-movement activities. The strategy will build on the ports initiative that results from our considering the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee recommendations and our commitments in the EJ 2020 Action Agenda. The strategy will include a robust outreach component for stakeholder groups and affected communities as well as educational initiatives, outreach and pilots, among other activities.

As I mentioned above, I think it is critical to hear directly from affected communities as we make decisions and implement programs. This working group will greatly enhance our ability to have more regular and collective engagement with such affected community members as well as with all of our

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stakeholders, such as ports and the goods-movement industry. It will also enable us to craft a thoughtful engagement plan as a central element of our future goods-movement strategy.

Should you have any questions or concerns, I encourage you to contact my colleagues, Karl Simon at simon.karl@epa.gov or (202) 564-9495 or Deborah Jordan at jordan.deborah@epa.gov or (415) 972-3133.

In the meantime, please know that we recognize and appreciate Moving Forward Network's inspiring commitment to improving our nation's communities.

Sincerely,

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Thank you.

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