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Michael S. Regan, Administrator
US Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, DC 20004

Dear Administrator Regan,

I write this letter in support of the Broward County, Florida- Port Everglades grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 2024 Clean Port Program: Climate and Air Quality Planning Competition for an Air Emissions Inventory Update.

In 2016, EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality and Broward County's Port Everglades announced a voluntary partnership to study mobile source emissions. Through this partnership that has now concluded, EPA and the Port agreed to work together to develop baseline and future-year emission inventories and to evaluate various effective technology and operational strategy scenarios for seaports. Port Everglades is the first port to partner with EPA in this way. Port Everglades is one of the nation's leading container ports, South Florida's main seaport for receiving petroleum products, and one of the busiest cruise ports in the world.

This port-specific partnership is a complement to the EPA's National Port Strategy Assessment (NPSA), which provides a national picture of port-related emission trends and the potential for emission reduction strategies. The NPSA is based on estimated emissions from a sample of 19 seaports that represent a variety of activities and locations around the country.

The EPA and Port Everglades partnership led to the development of: 1) The Port Everglades Baseline Air Emissions Inventory; 2) Emission-reduction scenarios and inventories for the Port Everglades boundary for future analysis years; 3) Separate emissions estimates for certain mobile source corridors outside the Port Everglades boundary; and 4) Documentation of methods, lessons learned, and practical examples that can inform other ports, related agencies, and stakeholders.

This grant will be used to update the 2016 Air Emissions Inventory. The update will be used to inform future climate-change sustainability and resiliency initiatives, such as a shore power project for cruise ships that is being developed and providing a means of measuring success of these initiatives. I look forward to the successful implementation of the Port Everglades Air Emissions Inventory Update to support sustainable advancements that benefit our community and the environment.

Sincerely,