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Houston City Council Member  
At-Large, Position 5

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The Honorable Michael Regan  
Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Administrator Regan,

I am excited to offer my support of the City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's (SWMD) application for the Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) grant. The Solid Waste Management Department is seeking to upgrade a recently acquired 45,000 square foot recycling facility that was built in the 1990s to become the city's second Recycling Materials Transfer Station.

The Solid Waste Management Department is exclusively contracted to deliver all curbside recycling materials to a single, non-centrally located, privately operated materials recovery facility located in the northeast quadrant of the city. A second recycling processing facility with enhanced technology in a city that is roughly 671 sq. miles will significantly improve the delivery of services to the 400,000 homes the SWMD services weekly. With only one center located in the northeast quadrant of the city, several logistical challenges ensue.

The funds for this facility will help extend the life of the department's fleet, while also improving the diversion rate of recyclable materials generated through the solid waste system. Additionally, it ensures renovations to the new facility, reduces carbon emissions, decrease overtime costs, increases employment opportunities, and provides equitable and efficient services to both economically advantaged and disadvantaged communities.

I look forward to your favorable consideration of the \$4,000,000 investment for the City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's SWIFR grant application.

Sincerely,

  
Sallie Alcorn