

To: Mr. Rudy Husband  
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Dear Mr. Husband,

The undersigned representatives are writing to offer Norfolk Southern assistance in obtaining federal and state diesel emissions reduction funding.

Potential sources for federal and state grants for this purpose are the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Fund, the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act, and Pennsylvania's portion of the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Fund.

Our offer is premised on the assumption that these monies would be used to manufacture equipment (scrubbers, switching engines, highly efficient Tier 4 locomotives, etc.) at your Altoona, Pennsylvania facility which has experienced [significant layoffs](#) over the past two years.

While we understand that historically, the equipment built with such funds has been required to remain and operate only within the South Western Region of our Commonwealth, we pledge to explore an exception that might apply to scrubbers and more efficient locomotives that we understand would necessarily be required to operate throughout your system generally.

Our offer is further premised on an agreement that if such funding is secured, Norfolk Southern will work to provide additional mitigation for residents and parks impacted by additional rail traffic resulting from its Pittsburgh Vertical Clearance Project. These trains are routed through Pittsburgh's most densely populated neighborhoods - 74% of which are designated as Environmental Justice Areas.

We view this proposed collaboration as a win/win since Pennsylvania gets more manufacturing, our residents get high-paying, family-sustaining jobs with benefits, and we all get to breathe cleaner air.

We look forward to working with you more closely on resolving these important issues.

Very Truly Yours,