



North Central Texas Council Of Governments

February 16, 2018

The Honorable Rick Perry
Secretary of Energy
US Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Perry:

On January 25, 2018, the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) passed a resolution to accept \$45,000 in funding from the US Department of Energy (DOE) to support continued staff efforts as the Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Coalition. NCTCOG has housed the Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Coalition, which serves the North Central Texas region as the local branch of the DOE Clean Cities program, since 1995. Over the next year, we will use these funds to collaborate on planning and dissemination of Environmental Mitigation Trust funds, and coordinate activities related to designation of state alternative fuel corridors. We thank the DOE for your continued support of this work.

During discussion of this Board action, a concern was expressed about the original mission of the Clean Cities program and whether it had outlasted its usefulness in light of increased domestic energy production or if the mission of the program had changed. If the program mission has changed, it was suggested that the DOE evaluate how best to articulate the goals and mission of the Clean Cities program moving forward, and its continued relevance to the interests and needs of the United States.

I submit this request on behalf of the NCTCOG Executive Board, which serves as the fiduciary agent for the metropolitan planning organization. Thank you in advance for your consideration, and for your leadership in energy policy. We look forward to continued partnership with the DOE. If you have any questions, please contact me at meastland@nctcog.org or (817) 695-9101.

Sincerely,

Mike Eastland
Executive Director

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cc: NCTCOG Executive Board