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Honorable Matt Rodriguez, Secretary
California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA)
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Dr. Lauren Zeise, Acting Director
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA)
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Dear Secretary Rodriguez and Director Zeise:

On behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, I would like to thank both the California Environmental Protection Agency and Office of Environmental and Health Hazard Assessment for continuing your work to improve upon your statewide tool that identifies our many disadvantaged California communities. I believe this challenging endeavor is an important step to begin preventing health conditions caused by pollution that further exacerbate the inequities affecting our vulnerable populations.

While San Francisco gained census tracts in our own disadvantaged Bayview Hunters Point community, I am deeply concerned that the San Francisco Bay Area region as a whole lost a significant number of census tracts representing equally disadvantaged communities as well.

The enclosed letters from the San Francisco Department of Public Health and San Francisco Public Utilities Commission offer recommendations of how we believe the CalEnviroScreen v3.0 tool can be further improved, and suggest where additional refinement and research might be needed.

Thank you again for your efforts and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edwin M. Lee".

Edwin M. Lee
Mayor, City and County of San Francisco

Cc: Harlan Kelly, General Manager, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission;
Barbara Garcia, Director, San Francisco Department of Public Health