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To Whom It May Concern:

The Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) respectfully requests that DNREC include school bus replacement within the VW Mitigation settlement plan. Specifically, the DDOE asks that a portion of Delaware's settlement be invested in fully funding the replacements of older model diesel-fueled school buses with cleaner diesel or propane ones according to the current school bus replacement schedule.

Specifically, the DDOE is requesting that the VW Mitigation settlement plan include replacement of up to 10 state-owned diesel-fueled school buses model year 2006 or older for each year of the settlement. The cost per propane school bus replacement would be approximately \$85,500, which translates to a maximum of \$855,000 per year while each cleaner diesel one costs approximately \$75,000.

The DDOE understands that any existing diesel school bus replaced through the VW Mitigation settlement plan must be destroyed according to specific guidelines.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan S. Bunting", is written over a large, faint circular watermark or stamp.

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