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Via Electronic Mail: sboos@aamfg.org

Dear Mr. Boos:

Thank you for your August 30, 2022, letter to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Michael Regan, regarding the applicability of the Build America Buy America (BABA) Act to the Clean School Bus Rebate Program. We appreciate your interest in, and support of, this program. The support and interest from school officials as well as industry and corporate partners, educators, environmental groups, public health officials, and other community leaders who are committed to protecting our nation's health and modernizing America's in-use diesel fleet is important. The Clean School Bus program allows us to work together to achieve the overall goal of reducing exposure to air pollution from diesel engines.

EPA has determined that the BABA provisions do not apply to school buses purchased under the Clean School Bus Rebate Program. EPA has received an adjustment period waiver from BABA requirements for charging infrastructure under the 2022 CSB Rebates, see: <https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/build-america-buy-america-babaapproved-waivers>. While this waiver is in effect, we nonetheless encourage program participants to pursue domestically-produced equipment wherever possible. We appreciate your additional input on domestic production criteria and will take your feedback into consideration for future rounds of funding, including future Clean School Bus rebate and grant programs.

Again, thank you for your letter. I appreciate the opportunity to be of service and trust the information provided is helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Goffman", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Joseph Goffman
Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator