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Ms. Joanne Throwe, Chair
Environmental Financial Advisory Board
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Ms. Throwe:

I am writing to thank you and the rest of the Environmental Finance Advisory Board members for your engagement to develop analysis and recommendations for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 as documented in the report, *Revenue Options for a Waste Backhaul Service Program in Rural Alaska*. In the time since the report was issued, the EPA staff have taken steps to explore EFAB's recommendations and in doing so, have made progress towards strengthening the backhaul service program. I am pleased that EFAB will continue to work with the EPA, Region 10 to further develop recommendations for backhaul financing during your February 2020 meeting.

We are very fortunate to have a diverse and skilled group of experts to assist us in building up a waste backhaul service program for rural Alaska. Thank you for your work on this issue and for your service to help protect rural Alaska's environment, subsistence resources, and the health of the people who live there.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "CHLADICK", written over a faint blue grid.

Chris Hladick
Regional Administrator