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Dear Dr. Gold:

Thank you for meeting last week to discuss the 2014 Proposed Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) Allocation Plan. The Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) supports the proposed plan and is pleased to partner with the Office of Energy Resources on the Light Emitting Diode (LED) lighting and control technology program.

The LED lighting and control technology program offers several benefits for RIDOT, taxpayers and the motoring public: not only will full implementation lead to increased energy efficiency, but it is also expected to result in savings of approximately \$911,033.00 per year. Additionally, RIDOT believes that LED lighting and the control technology program will contribute to improved highway safety. LED lighting will provide better visibility for drivers at night and reduce light pollution. The control technology will allow RIDOT to maintain highway lighting more proactively, and will prevent lights from being off for long durations of time.

RIDOT appreciates the opportunity to work with you and your office and looks forward to initiating Phase I of the LED lighting and control technology program in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

  
Michael P. Lewis  
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