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Mr. Dwayne Cross, Grant Officer, Technical Assistance Grants Program Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration Office of Pipeline Safety (PHP)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, East Bldg. 3rd Floor Washington, DC 20590

RE: PHMSA NOFO Number: 693JK321NF0008, Technical Assistance Grant Application

Dear Mr. Cross:

I am writing on behalf of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors to provide our support for the Technical Assistance Grant application being submitted by the Alamo Improvement Association. The Alamo Improvement Association received two previous PHMSA Technical Assistance Grants in 2014 and 2017 which provided tremendous benefit to emergency response agencies and the general public of Contra Costa County in the form of emergency response training, pipeline safety workshops and reports on the status of pipeline safety in the County.

Their current application will conduct a needs assessment survey and analysis to determine the best form and content of a Pipeline Safety Information Center website for Contra Costa County residents. A website such as this would be a valuable service for County residents. Contra Costa County has approximately 260 miles of natural gas and 500 miles of hazardous liquids transmission pipelines running throughout the County. Several major pipeline accidents have occurred in the County, the most recent being a 40,000 gallon spill of petroleum product just two months ago from a ruptured pipeline into a flood control channel in a highly urbanized area.

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The Alamo Improvement Association's proven track record of successfully implementing Technical Assistance Grants and our County's need for easily accessible information about pipeline safety issues justify our support, and your serious consideration, of this application.

Sincerely,

DIANE BURGIS, District 3

Chairperson, Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

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