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October 15, 2015

The Honorable Ken Paxton  
Attorney General of Texas  
P.O. Box 12548  
Austin, Texas 78711-2548

Re: *State of Texas v. Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., et al.*

Dear General Paxton:

Thank you for your letter of October 8, 2015, received on October 14, 2015. We were pleased to learn that the Office of the Attorney General has joined Harris County in the filing of claims against Volkswagen of America, Inc. and related entities.

As you know, the Harris County Attorney and the Harris County Commissioners Court have a long history of strong enforcement of laws relating to the protection of the citizens of Harris County. We have recently had the honor of working with counsel from your office in connection with the enforcement of environmental laws in other litigation; and in 1998, as you know, Harris County led the effort along with several other counties to recover approximately \$2.2 billion dollars in the tobacco litigation for the benefit of all of the counties in Texas--an amount recovered separately for those counties over and above the recovery made in behalf of the State.

We look forward to working together once again in connection with this important effort.

If we can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Terry O'Rourke at 713-274-5102 or John Odam at 713-274-5185.

Sincerely,

  
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