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The South Dakota Transit Providers (SDTP) is a non-profit organization. The members of this organization provide services to citizens of this state and also enter boarder states. They transport adults and children to appointments where no other transportation service is available, in some cases a lifeline to those individuals. For example, they transport individuals that no longer can drive, to doctor and hospital visits including those confined to a wheelchair. They also provide transportation for children to and from appointments when parents are not able to provide their transportation. This organization operates on a limited budget derived from some federal dollars, local funds, donations and small ridership fees.

The SDTP logged nearly 4.5 million miles in calendar year 2016 providing nearly 2 million ridership services. These services are provided with a statewide fleet of 385 vehicles, half of which are older than model year 2009 with very high individual mileage.

Use of the VW Environmental Settlement funds to replace the aging fleet of units that are 2009 models or older would provide some very needed funds to service the needy in this state. By replacing these units, efficiency would be increased while at the same time reducing emissions.

The members of the SDTP would appreciate consideration for these funds and a seat at the table before final decisions are made to provide more data regarding the services provided by this non-profit organization.

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