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Dear Ms. Bailly,

RE: Additional Materials Requested
LFO Grant No: 700-09
("Making the Links: Environmental Health, Equity and the Law")

1. On September 1, 2010, we submitted our Major Grant Application for a third year of funding for the "Making the Links: Environmental Health, Equity and the Law" Project. Further to your telephone conversation with Renee Griffin, please find enclosed the additional information you requested regarding the Project.

A. Entry Survey and Results

2. Please find attached as Appendix A, a copy of the entry survey sent to contacts in all six communities. After receiving the completed surveys, we reviewed the results and assessed the feedback. Please find attached as Appendix B, a summary of the entry survey results. Further to the final question in the survey, please also find attached as Appendix C a list of community contacts for the Project.

B. Workshops completed to date in Year 2

3. As we explained in our application on September 1, 2010, we have prepared and delivered a number of presentations as a part of the Project during Year 2. You have requested further information with respect to the number of people in attendance at these presentations.

4. In February 2010, Kaitlyn Mitchell travelled to Sarnia and participated in a panel discussion following a Sarnia Justice Film Festival screening of a documentary entitled: "Addicted to Plastic." While we did not take attendance at this event, Kaitlyn estimated that there were approximately 100 people in attendance.

5. On May 6, 2010 Renee Griffin and Theresa McClenaghan made a presentation at the 17th annual St. Lawrence River Institute Conference, "Protecting and Restoring Aquatic Ecosystems through Government and Community Action" in Cornwall. Renee and Theresa's presentation was entitled

"Pollution and Poverty in the Great Lakes River Basin: Making the Links between Environmental Health, Equity & Law", and examined the notion of environmental justice and environmental equity. This conference was well attended by academics and researchers, with approximately 60 people in attendance. Please find attached as Appendix D, a copy of the power point presentation delivered at this conference. Additionally, Theresa participated as a member of panel at this conference, making a presentation entitled "Governance – Sub-national Players in an International Context." Please find a copy of this presentation attached as Appendix E.

6. Throughout July, we planned and delivered lunch and learn presentations in four of the six communities on Brownfield regulation in Ontario. Each presentation was accompanied by a power point presentation and was delivered by Renee and CELA staff lawyers. On July 12th, we presented to 18 people in Windsor. On July 16th, we presented to 15 people in Hamilton. On July 20th, we presented to 15 people in Brantford. On July 29th, we presented to 8 people in Sarnia. RSVPs for the upcoming presentations in Cornwall and Kenora have not yet been received; however, we anticipate a similar number of participants as were seen in the other communities.

7. You have also requested copies of the power point presentations delivered at the brownfield regulation workshops. Please find attached as Appendices F through L, copies of the presentations provided in each of the above noted communities.

C. Upcoming Workshops

8. As noted in our application dated September 1, 2010, we are in the process of planning full-day workshops to take place in November 2010 in our six pilot communities on environmental health and law topics of interest to a range of legal and health service providers. You have requested more information about the topics to be discussed at each of these workshops, specifically with respect to the legal content of the presentations.

9. Topics covered will include the following:

- 1) Environmental equity and environmental justice – This presentation will set the stage for each workshop. We will examine the notion of environmental justice and the history of environmental inequities in Canada. While focusing on environmental law and health, we will consider why examining this issue is so important.
- 2) Public participation tools and access to information – In this presentation, we will introduce the *Environmental Bill of Rights* ("EBR") and the EBR registry. We will explore ways to use the registry and the EBR to engage in environmental decision making. Additionally, we will explore other methods of public participation in environmental decision making, including getting involved in the environmental assessment, municipal planning, and freedom of information processes.
- 3) Ontario Disability Support Program and environmental illnesses – In these presentations, our speaker will discuss environmental sensitivities as a disability. We will have legal aid clinics discuss the *Ontario Disability Support Program Act* and its regulations. These two presentations will highlight environmental sensitivities as a recognized disability.
- 4) Children's environmental health – In this presentation, we will explore environmental exposures and their unique impact on children's health. This discussion will also include information about the regulation of toxic products in Canada and the impact this can have on children's health.
- 5) Outdoor Air Quality – This presentation will provide participants with information about the health hazards to toxic air exposures. There will also be discussion of the regulation and

monitoring of air toxins, including a review of the National Pollutant Release Inventory and information about using the Pollution Watch website to monitor air emissions in your community.

- 6) Environmental issues in the workplace and occupational health and safety – In this presentation, our speaker will provide information about the health hazards of environmental exposures in the workplace. Additionally, the presentation may include a discussion of the legal framework surrounding occupation health and safety.

D. Toolkit / Resource kit for each community

10. As we noted in our application dated September 1, 2010, we have begun to gather and catalogue information about existing work within each of the six Making the Links communities. This information will serve as a tool kit of resources for the communities. During the fourth quarter of this year, we will begin to post these kits to our website.

11. Please find attached as Appendix M a draft copy of the tool kit for the community of Sarnia. While each community will have a unique tool kit of resources, the attachment can serve as a useful example of the product we are drafting in each of the six communities.

12. As we discussed during your telephone call with Renee Griffin, the tool kits are a work in progress. We have not yet received permission from all the authors of the material contained in the kits for re-publication, but are addressing this issue. Additionally, we have not yet finalized the citations which appear in the tool kits' table of contents. As we continue to gather resources, we will work to refine the presentation of the material.

13. At each of the November workshops, we will have a draft tool kit which participants can review and provide feedback on.

E. Evaluation Plan

14. We believe that effective evaluation of the Project is important to ensure that we see real benefits to the communities involved and we are committed to evaluating the Project so that these benefits are maximized. As we noted in our original Major Grant Application, in a letter dated November 3, 2008, we have created an evaluation logic model that considers both internal and external influencing factors. We are using the information gathered under this logic model to refine our Project's objectives and the development and implementation of our inputs, outputs, outcomes, and impacts. Please find a copy of this evaluation model attached as Appendix M.

15. Our evaluation plan includes ongoing evaluation which includes surveys as well as discussions with groups and individuals involved. The main data instruments are entry, mid-project, end, and follow up surveys with open and closed questions. We are in the process of developing a survey based on the evaluative criteria outlined in our evaluation model, which will be distributed to our contacts and workshop participants in November. We will provide a copy of this evaluation survey and a summary of results received to date at the end of Year 2. In addition to these surveys, we will also consult with community contacts to gather more information to evaluate the Project.

F. Conclusion

16. We are confident that the Project will result in significant benefits to each of the communities involved. This project will increase the capacity of the communities to address their exposure to environmental contaminants and their related health outcomes, and improve access to environmental justice. Additionally, there will be greater connections across interdisciplinary service providers in the communities, as well as between those communities and broader organizations, such as the Canadian Environmental Law Association and the Environmental Health Institute of Canada.

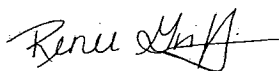
17. Our full-day workshops on environmental health and law, which are to take place in November 2010 in our six pilot communities, will close with a forward looking discussion about what participants would like to see in Year 3 of the Project to ensure that work can continue after the Project has concluded.

18. As noted in our application dated September 1, 2010, we will also be organizing and delivering a forward looking workshop in each of the six communities in Year 3. This workshop will focus upon ensuring that the foundations laid for community and professional champions result in continued work, which has been enhanced by the Project. We will explore topics such as community organizing and assistance with the preparation of funding applications, and will lead an extensive discussion about how to continue work on environmental health, law and equity issues.

19. Additionally, we are very confident that the tool kits and resource kits which we are creating for each of the Project communities will become an invaluable resource for the community and professional activists who wish to engage in issues surrounding environmental equity and environmental health and law.

20. We, once again, wish to express our sincere appreciation for the Law Foundation's continued support of the Making the Links Project. We look forward to continuing our work and engaging further with the communities involved in our Project. If you require any further information, please contact Renee Griffin at 416-960-2284 ext. 212 or via email at rgriffin@cela.ca.

Sincerely,



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