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San Francisco Group October 21, 2013

To: Tom Nolan Chairman of the Board of Directors San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency 1 South Van Ness San Francisco, California 94121

Dear Chairman Nolan:

The Sierra Club thanks you for your years of service on the SFMTA Board of Directors.

The Sierra Club supports the initiation of a planning process to regulate tour buses throughout San Francisco. In the interim, because of concerns about air quality and climate change, we support restrictions on the operation of these tour buses in Alamo Square.

The number of tour buses passing through Alamo Square has increased considerably in recent years. A February 2013 to June 2013 study counted one tour or commuter bus arriving at Alamo Square every 7.5 minutes. Neighbors complain that tour bus operators drive too slowly or too quickly, stop to discharge and pick up passengers in mid-block, double park, and sometimes pull into bus stops illegally. These activities obstruct the operation of the 21 Hayes Street bus. The high volume of these large buses also endangers bicyclists, as there are bicycle lanes in both directions on Fulton Street.

The large number of buses also exacerbates air pollution. Studies just released from the World Health Organization have now classified air pollution as a whole as carcinogenic to humans, with the International Agency for Research on Cancer data indicating a strong connection, not only to lung cancer, but bladder cancer, adding to the list of diseases including heart disease and asthma.

Buses traveling in residential neighborhoods at one every 7.5 minutes throughout the day are a clear danger to people living in that area, particularly children, whose lungs are still developing, and for the elderly and those who already have weakened hearts and lungs. One bus may be compliant with air quality standards, but the cumulative risk of so many buses in one neighborhood is unacceptable and presents a risk to those people exposed in that neighborhood.

The Sierra Club strongly supports the unimpeded flow of mass transit and the safe passage of bicyclists and pedestrians as some of the best methods for combatting air pollution and climate change.

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130773 [Hearing - Tour Bus Regulations]

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Hearing on regulations regarding tour buses' routes, frequencies, and safety measures.

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