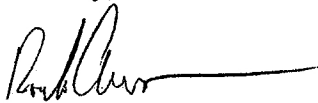


To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the Environmental Contractors Association (ECA) application to the Occupational Safety and Health Training and Education Hazard Abatement Board (HAB) grant program. I write as the former Deputy Commissioner of the NYC Department of Environmental Protection. During my 13 plus year tenure as Deputy Commissioner I observed the ECA during challenging times. We were challenged in 2001 during and after the cowardly attacks of 9-11. The ECA stepped up to the plate and provided invaluable assistance to the city and people impacted in Lower Manhattan. We brought the city back against extraordinary odds and with the support and professionalism of the ECA. We turn the page and find the ECA called on post Sandy to play an instrumental role in getting people's lives back through a Mold Treatment Program involving over 2,000 locations. The ECA won the 2014 LISC Big Apple Award for their incredible performance in the face of adversity. In all cases the ECA held a higher standard of excellence to ensure workers and people were protected and not financially drain the unfortunate souls impacted by the storm of a lifetime. The ECA has now developed a unique two-tiered program, Certified Environmental Remediation Training (CERT), designed to inform environmental professionals and others going into emergency situations how to best assess and address potential environmental hazards, thus protecting themselves, other workers and the general public. The General Awareness Training course prepares individuals to understand different types of hazards and react appropriately in emergency situations. In essence, the ECA continues to raise the bar and accountability of project managers. The Certified Environmental Remediation Training Program will help protect the health and safety of all workers as well as civilians impacted by emergency situations in communities throughout the state. In these challenging times of unpredictable natural and man-made disasters it's imperative that we support the ECA as they continue to protect lives. I urge you to support the ECA to make this necessary program a reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert C. Avaltroni', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Robert C. Avaltroni