

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Your words in your second inaugural address were an inspiration to all of us who seek to maintain and build on our nation's landmark public health and environmental protections. We have an obligation to further this legacy for the sake of future generations.

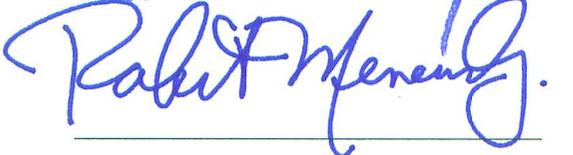
We share your commitment to protect public health and the environment using the best available science, while promoting economic growth, innovation, competitiveness, and job creation. To achieve these goals, we believe it is critical that you appoint an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) administrator who has both a vision and demonstrated record of working to safeguard our children and families.

The EPA nominee must also build on Administrator Lisa Jackson's critical work to protect the air we breathe and the water we drink. We know that pollution can cause asthma attacks, heart and lung disease, cancer, damage to the reproductive system, strokes, and premature death. As we confront these numerous and growing threats to our health, our nation needs another strong leader at EPA who will work to craft bold solutions to these serious problems, as well as enforce the Clean Air Act and our other landmark environmental laws that protect public health.

We stand ready to work with you to use available tools to provide stronger safeguards that will address dangerous air pollution, including carbon pollution. An effective example has been your administration's historic new automobile efficiency standards that will save consumers \$1.7 trillion in fuel costs over the life of their vehicles.

By working together, we can build on your administration's efforts to promote a strong and robust economy, foster our nation's global leadership in clean energy innovation and job creation, and reduce the significant harms posed by climate change.

Sincerely,




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