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Subject Cleaner Air! Docket No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2005-0172

Administrator Stephen Johnson

Dear Administrator Johnson,

I urge you to substantially strengthen the nation's defense against dangerous smog pollution by adopting a more protective federal health standard for ground-level ozone.

EPA's own scientific advisory committee unanimously recommended that you substantially reduce the federal health standard by establishing a new standard in the range of 0.060 ppm (parts per million) to 0.070 ppm.

Millions of Americans are at risk from ozone pollution including our children, the elderly, those who work and exercise outside, and individuals with respiratory disease.

There is also extensive scientific evidence associating ozone with increased hospital emergency room visits, asthma attacks, missed school and work days, and death.

The Clean Air Act entrusts you with establishing a federal health standard that will protect public health with an adequate margin of safety.

I respectfully ask that you protect the health of millions of Americans by adopting a federal air standard that is at the more protective end (0.060 ppm) of the range recommended unanimously by EPA's independent scientific advisory committee.

Simply put, we are stewards of our environment and we cannot allow the habitat we share with all God's creatures to become uninhabitable. My city is one of the country's smoggiest - I know it affects me personally, because since I have moved here, I have experienced severe eye distress on a daily basis. Asthma rates have skyrocketed. Our government represents us and must help to protect us.

Sincerely,
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