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The Honorable Gina McCarthy
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RE: Tier 3 Motor Vehicle Emission and Fuel Standards

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has led the national effort to save lives and improve public health under the Clean Air Act. That is why we look forward to the EPA's issuance of the final Tier 3 Motor Vehicle Emission and Fuel Standards as soon as possible. As the EPA's own analysis shows, the proposed standards would prevent tens of thousands of asthma attacks and nearly 2,500 premature deaths every year by 2030, while also adding between \$8 billion and \$23 billion to our economy each year in economic and health care benefits.

Cleaner gasoline and vehicle standards will dramatically improve public health by reducing nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, volatile organic compounds, and other harmful pollutants and well-established causes of ozone pollution and particle pollution. The proposed lower sulfur gasoline will provide as much emissions reduction as removing an estimated 33 million cars from the road. According to the National Association of Clean Air Agencies, the proposed standards would increase the cost of gasoline by about one cent per gallon and add \$150 to the cost of a new car, meaning our air can be much cleaner without a high cost to consumers.

Those suffering most from air pollution cannot afford to wait any longer for relief. According to the Health Effects Institute, 30 to 45 percent of American city dwellers live close enough to a major roadway to face near-constant exposure to traffic-related air pollutants including nitrogen oxides, particulate matter, carbon monoxide, and cancer causing agents such as benzene. Recently, the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer concluded that outdoor air pollution and particulate matter cause lung cancer in humans.

Air pollution affects everyone, but is especially harmful to people with asthma and cardiovascular disease, seniors, and young children. We urge EPA to

finalize the Tier 3 Motor Vehicle Emission and Fuel Standards so all Americans can breathe easier.

Sincerely,

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