

June 23, 2011

The Honorable William M. Daley

Chief of Staff

The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW

Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Daley:

On behalf of the millions of Americans we represent, we are writing to thank you for your recent comments declaring the Administration is “not going to allow any legislation that impedes the need to improve our health and safety” when you were asked about the Administration’s position on legislation to block or delay EPA climate standards. This strong public stance from the White House is welcomed by the millions of Americans who support efforts to clean up our air and protect our children’s health. Across the Administration, there are additional efforts underway to ensure an adherence to science and commitment to the health and safety of the American people. We believe your statements are a strong defense of that effort.

As you know, the White House is currently considering the details of the primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone. In keeping with the administration’s commitment to public health, it is our strong hope that the White House will support EPA’s establishment of a health-based air quality standard for ozone at the lower end of the range of 60-70 parts per billion recommended by the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC). The EPA estimates that setting such a protective standard would save thousands of lives every year.

We are also grateful for the Administration’s continued support of a strong mercury and air toxics standard for power plants that will save tens of thousands of lives and help reduce American’s exposure to a host of health-threatening pollutants including mercury, a known brain poison that can lead to developmental disorders in children.

We will continue to advocate for strong clean air standards that improve public health. We look forward to working with the Obama administration to protect the Clean Air Act and the remarkable impact it has had on the health of our families, our children and seniors, and we hope that the White House continues its commitment to protecting our health and our safety.

Sincerely,

Trip Van Noppen, President, Earthjustice

Peter Bahouth, Executive Director, US Climate Action Network

Larry J. Schweiger, President & CEO, National Wildlife Federation

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