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Members  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

via fax

**RE: NAACP SUPPORT FOR THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION AGENCY'S INITIATIVE TO IMPLEMENT THE CLEAN  
AIR ACT TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE**

Dear Senator;

On behalf of the NAACP, our nation's oldest, largest and most widely-recognized grassroots-based civil rights organization, I strongly urge you to support the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and its endangerment finding that is required under Clean Air Act that greenhouse gases in the atmosphere "may reasonably be anticipated both to endanger public health and to endanger public welfare." ***Specifically, I hope that you will oppose and work against legislative initiatives, such as S. J. Res. 26, which would block the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Supreme Court-directed finding.***

The Clean Air Act is a law with a nearly 40-year track record of protecting public health and the environment and spurring innovation by cutting dangerous pollution. The EPA has found that climate change will make attainment and maintenance of national ambient air quality standards more difficult as well as more frequent and more intense heat waves and other events that adversely impact respiratory health. Underserved communities and people who are old, young, or already sick are at greatest risk from the growing threat of climate change. More and more Americans will be living in vulnerable locations as population continues to grow rapidly in cities, along the coasts, and in the South. People of color will be disproportionately impacted because our populations are concentrated in these areas.

Rather than focus on resolutions that would hinder our nation's progress in addressing the dangers of climate change, the NAACP urges the United States Senate to work toward the enactment of comprehensive climate and clean energy legislation that reduces global warming pollution now. As such, the NAACP looks forward to working with you to ensure that effective actions are taken and the cost to low- and middle-income Americans is not too great. In that vein, I hope that you will feel free to contact me should you have any questions or comments on the NAACP position. I can be reached at (202) 463-2940.

Sincerely,

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