

April 7, 2011

RE: House passage of H.R. 910

Dear Representative/Senator:

The House of Representatives' passage yesterday of H.R. 910 that prevents the Environmental Protection Agency from enforcing the Clean Air Act is an affront to small businesses and only satisfies a narrow ideological agenda, no matter the consequences. This legislation is a distraction from the real challenges small business owners face and presents a threat to the millions of entrepreneurs who benefit from the Clean Air Act. We urge senators to reject any similar legislation if it comes before the chamber.

Our research has continually shown that the Clean Air Act is good for small businesses. A report we released in October of last year found that the benefits of the law have far outweighed the costs. The Office of Management and Budget predicts the total economic benefits of the Clean Air Act to be more than four to eight times the costs of compliance. Our report also found that the law has spurred important technological innovations, such as the catalytic converter, and exports of these and other environmental technologies were valued at \$30 billion in 2004. These encouraging numbers cannot be ignored.

Small business owners want opportunities for growth and economic competitiveness, not more political theater. Lawmakers who say they support small business need to work to ensure the Clean Air Act is protected so we can continue seeing the kinds of innovation, job creation and economic growth the law has provided for decades. Now is not the time to turn back 40 years of success under the Clean Air Act. We urge you to let the EPA do its job so small business owners can focus on doing theirs.

Sincerely,

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