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Dear Dr. Marty:

Thank you for writing to me on behalf of the Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee to share your concerns about the effects of climate change on children's environmental health and to offer recommendations to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on this important issue.

The Agency and the Bush Administration agree that climate change is a priority. As you know, in February 2002, President Bush committed the United States to a comprehensive strategy to reduce the greenhouse gas intensity of the American economy by 18 percent by 2012. Meeting this commitment will prevent the release of more than 500 million metric tons of carbon-equivalent emissions to the atmosphere. Work is already well underway to meet this goal.

Since 2001, the Bush Administration has spent over \$20 billion on climate change activities and proposes \$5.5 billion more for 2006. The Administration is addressing climate change with a comprehensive, innovative program of domestic and international initiatives. The Administration's climate change efforts are focused in three areas: 1) resolving scientific uncertainties; 2) developing innovative technologies to reduce emissions; and 3) establishing programs that create incentives to reduce greenhouse gas intensity.

EPA plays a supporting role in the Administration's plan by conducting outreach and research on climate change and leading voluntary domestic and international emission reduction programs. EPA is aggressively pursuing its role. For example, EPA has many strong and successful voluntary programs for greenhouse gas reductions, such as Energy Star, Climate Leaders, and Methane to Markets, among others. The programs continue to grow in participation and achieve significant greenhouse gas emissions reductions.

Again, thank you for writing. I appreciate your commitment to children's health issues and look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen L. Johnson".

Stephen L. Johnson

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