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The Honorable Robert A. Dixon  
Chairman  
Local Government Advisory Committee  
300 S. Main Street  
Greensburg, Kansas 67054

Dear Mayor Dixon:

Thank you for your letter of December 11, 2015, to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Gina McCarthy submitting the Local Government Advisory Committee's (LGAC) comments on the EPA's Management Standards for Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals proposed rule. Further, you discussed how important a communication strategy is in assisting the implementation of a final rule.

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Finally, we appreciate LGAC's offer to work with us in providing outreach and implementation assistance on the final rule. We fully intend to conduct outreach to the states and regulated community once the rule is final. Partners, such as LGAC, will help further this outreach. If you have additional questions regarding the pharmaceuticals proposed rule, you may contact Kristin Fitzgerald at 703-308-8286 or [fitzgerald.kristin@epa.gov](mailto:fitzgerald.kristin@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

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Mathy Stanislaus  
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Ms. Jill C. Duson  
Chairwoman  
Cleaning Up Our Communities Workgroup  
101 Pennell Avenue  
Portland, Maine 04103

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