May 24, 2012

The Honorable Lisa P. Jackson
Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Jackson:

As the Co-Chair of the Joint Center's Commission to Engage African Americans on Climate Change, it is my pleasure to extend an invitation for you to address our retreat on June 13th at 8:30 a.m. at the Joint Center's offices at 1090 Vermont Avenue, NW. , Washington, DC. Attached is the list of the members of the Commission.

We would value your advice on how the Joint Center might better support your excellent leadership at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). We share your passion for achieving the goals of getting our nation on an energy path that reduces carbon pollution, addresses the disproportionate burden of unhealthy air on communities of color, and expands the conversation on environmentalism to bring in a greater diversity of voices.

As you know, last year the Joint Center released a study highlighting the health and economic benefits of E.P.A regulations, in order to inform the debate about the need for a cleaner environment. We also conducted a three-city poll that highlighted the support for EPA's efforts to reduce pollution from vehicles, power plants and industrial facilities.

This year, the Joint Center expanded its engagement in the environmental arena with the recent hiring of Danielle Deane as the first Director of the Energy and Environment Program. As we seek to build on the solid foundation that has been laid by the Commission to Engage African Americans on Climate Change, fine tune our strategy, and increase our impact, it would be invaluable to have your thoughts inform our meeting.

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Thank you very much for considering this request, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Ralph B. Everett
President and CEO

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