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Dear Administrator Jackson,

I am afraid this letter is a little delayed as, after our meeting in Washington DC, I had meetings in New York before I returned to California. I can not thank you enough for really making an effort, in your terribly busy schedule, to speak to the Garden Club of America's annual legislative conference. We have doggedly championed numerous, critical environmental issues and now we feel, finally, real progress can be made. I am sure you felt our excitement and hope for the future in your well-deserved thunderous, standing ovation.

It is indeed reassuring to think that Administration policies and Agency regulations will be firmly based on science and the rule of law. We are delighted that EPA is reviewing the recently revised regulations to the Endangered Species Act. Today I was delighted to receive notice from your Public Affairs Office on proposed guidelines for the first national reporting on greenhouse gases. We pass all pertinent information on to the national network we have established, in order to facilitate timely education, and action where necessary, from our clubs and communities.

You can be sure that we will register our public comments whenever given the opportunity. The day after you spoke, we traversed Capitol Hill to talk to our Representatives about the numerous critical issues we had discussed in the previous days. The vast majority of our delegates felt that, no matter where the Representatives stood on any particular issue, there is a significantly greater awareness and understanding of environmental issues from the members and their staffs than just a year ago.

A sense of opportunity and excitement was definitely in the air. As you so correctly said, "EPA is Back!" and we are sure glad it is! Again thank you so much, and we wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

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