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Dear Mr. Crisson:

We remain concerned that the American Public Power Association (APPA) continues to urge its members to support S.J. Res. 26, the Murkowski resolution, without disclosing the serious adverse effects this proposal would have on the nation's energy security.

We wrote to you about this matter on February 25, 2010, and urged you to provide complete information to your members about the impact of S.J. Res. 26. As APPA staff knows, this resolution, if enacted, would overturn the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's scientific finding that greenhouse gas emissions from automobile tailpipes endanger public health and welfare. This would have the effect of overturning EPA's broadly supported greenhouse gas rule for automobiles. That is why the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, the Association of International Automobile Manufacturers, and the United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America all oppose S.J. Res. 26.

Notwithstanding our previous correspondence, you sent an "action alert" on May 14 that urged support of the Murkowski resolution but did not mention the impact on the motor vehicle rule.¹

¹ E-mail entitled "ACTION ALERT: Murkowski Disapproval Resolution Slated for Senate Floor Consideration the Week of May 17" from APPA staff to Government Relations Working Group (May 14, 2010).

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Administrator Lisa Jackson recently testified before the Energy and Commerce Committee that this rule will save more oil than any law or regulation in the past thirty years. The fuel economy savings captured by the EPA rule mean that for the first time in decades, our nation is no longer on a dangerous trajectory of growing demand for oil.

We reiterate our request that you update your members with accurate information that explains the effect that S.J. Res. 26 would have, if enacted, upon EPA's greenhouse gas standard for light-duty vehicles. We do not believe APPA should urge its members to support a proposal that increases dependence on foreign oil without letting them know it would have that effect.

Sincerely,



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