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The Honorable Lisa P. Jackson
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Jackson:

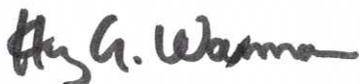
We are writing to request your assistance with documenting the effects of the Clean Air Act on the nation's public health, environment and economy.

Since 1970, the Clean Air Act has reduced key air pollutants by 60%, while at the same time the economy grew by over 200%. Over the last forty years, the Act has allowed millions of Americans to lead healthier, more productive, and longer lives.

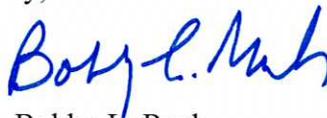
Unfortunately, some are now arguing that this landmark law is an attack on jobs and the economy. This argument flies in the face of exhaustive work done by the agency to examine the positive effects of the Act. For example, EPA's most recent analysis under section 812 has found that the Clean Air Act will deliver nearly \$2 trillion in benefits by 2020 – exceeding the costs of the Act by more than 30 to 1. Moreover, trading the health of American families for industry cost savings is an approach that Congress has always rightfully rejected.

To assist us in addressing these issues, we would appreciate it if you could provide us with your best information regarding the effects of the Clean Air Act on job creation and economic growth. Given that Congress could begin debating Clean Air Act amendments as soon as this month, we ask that you respond no later than February 7th. Should you have any questions, please have your staff contact Alexandra Teitz of the Committee Staff at 202-225-4407.

Sincerely,



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Ranking Member
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Bobby L. Rush
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