

April 3, 2001

The Honorable George V. Voinovich, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property and Nuclear Safety  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Chairman:

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cc: Senator Joseph I. Lieberman

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United States House of Representatives  
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