

September 21, 2006

The Honorable Ralph M. Hall  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy  
and Air Quality  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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**/RA/** by Betsy Keeling for

Rebecca L. Schmidt, Director  
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cc: Representative Rick Boucher

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