

April 15, 2010

The Honorable Edward J. Markey
Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment
Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Sincerely,

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Rebecca L. Schmidt, Director
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Enclosure:
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cc: Representative Fred Upton

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The Honorable Thomas R. Carper
Chairman, Subcommittee on Clean Air
and Nuclear Safety
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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cc: Senator David Vitter

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