

June 17, 2013

The Honorable Barbara Boxer
Chairman, Committee on Environment
and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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Sincerely,

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Rebecca L. Schmidt, Director
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Enclosures:
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cc: Senator David Vitter

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Chairman, Subcommittee on Clean Air
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