

April 7, 2014

The Honorable Barbara Boxer  
Chairman, Committee on Environment  
and Public Works  
United States Senate  
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Sincerely,

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V. Renee Simpson  
Director, Office of Congressional Affairs

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cc: Senator David Vitter

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The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Clean Air  
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