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To: Stallworth, Holly
Subject: Comments to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) on the Policy Assessment for the Review of the Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), Second External Review Draft

Dear Chairman Frey and CASAC Panel Members,

Thank you for your work to review the Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Since your review shapes the final document, I am primarily concerned about endorsing policy conclusions made by the technical EPA staff. The Final Policy Assessment will be a tool for the EPA Administrator when she issues a proposed rule regarding either retaining the existing NAAQS or creating possible modifications to the NAAQS.

Admittedly, I am not an expert on the topic, but I do care that my family and my community have clean air. There has been a lot of progress with emission controls and how they impact ozone formation. I want to see this progress continue, as the EPA, in conjunction with states and localities, begins to implement the 2008 Ozone NAAQS. Other regulatory initiatives are also projected to further reduce the emissions that contribute to ozone in the years ahead.

I have seen firsthand the level of these NAAQS make a significant difference in my community. A change in attainment status, due to a tightening of a NAAQS here in Iowa could have a significant impact on the employment, wealth and quality of life for the residents. Those hardships can be adequately evaluated only against health improvements that are measurable and certain. Since all the facts are rarely available, it makes the EPA Administrator's job difficult, especially when the health benefits are misclassified as counted and assured, when perhaps they are not.

I understand the great deal of pressure and knowledge required when it comes to taking a stance on a particular issue. I know as scientists you will bring your knowledge to your deliberations, and I only ask you are clear in your letter to the EPA Administrator as to just how confident and determinate the evidence is that you cite.

Sincerely,

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