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Dear Dr. Polasky:

Please accept my gratitude for the consultation you and your colleagues on the Environmental Economics Advisory Committee of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Science Advisory Board provided to the EPA's Office of Water on its work to produce a report on the value of water to the U.S. economy. The augmented committee's helpful advice is being factored into the development of the report, now well under way.

We also appreciate your advice to continue efforts to explain the importance of water to key sectors of the economy and to analyze the value of water to the broader U.S. economy. We anticipate that this report also will evaluate currently available data and encourage research and investment to fill information gaps. Further, we expect the report will help us in the future to integrate market and nonmarket analyses to provide a more robust understanding of the value of the water to the U.S. economy.

Committee members' early advice will help ensure the scientific rigor of this report and its usefulness to the American people. On behalf of my EPA colleagues, I thank you once more for your hard work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa P. Jackson".

Lisa P. Jackson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thanks!".