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Dear Doctor Stallworth:

I support clean air for my constituents. Public awareness of the issues of poor air quality has grown significantly in recent years. Therefore, I am pleased that air quality has improved significantly over recent years. This improvement in air quality will continue as the 2008 ozone standards, the tightest standards ever, are implemented.

I understand the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) is now in the process of possibly making a scientific recommendation to further tighten those ozone standards, even before the previous standards are fully implemented. My understanding is that some of the levels being considered are at or approaching the peak background levels.

Not being a scientist, I believe that there is still considerable uncertainty regarding what ozone concentrations may result in significant adverse health impacts. However, I do know that the programs associated with the ozone NAAQS requirements could have a significant impact on jobs and the economy and ultimately public health in the fifteenth Senate District of Virginia.

For these reasons, I strongly urge that any recommendation to EPA to tighten the ozone standard also include the current 75 ppb standard within the range of consideration. It is good public policy to consider the "no change" option before recommending any change, especially since the 75 ppb standard is just now being implemented.

Sincerely,

/s/

Senator Frank M. Ruff