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Dear Dr. Stallworth,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the Covington County Economic development Commission. Of course I support clean air for my community and I am pleased that air quality has improved significantly over recent years. This improvement in air quality will surely continue as the 2008 ozone standards, the tightest standards ever, are implemented.

You are now in the process of possibly making a scientific recommendation to further tighten those ozone standards, even before the previous standards are fully implemented. And I understand that some of the levels you are considering are at or approaching the peak background levels. I'm not a scientist, but I have been able to glean that there is still considerable uncertainty regarding what ozone concentrations result in significant adverse health impacts. On the other hand, I 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 my community.

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 and/or the uncertainty in the science. It is good public policy to consider the "no change" option before recommending any change, especially since the 75 ppb standard is just being implemented.

While everyone wants clean air, you cannot simply make scientific recommendations and not consider the significant impact of implementing those recommendations on business and industries effected. The impact will have a cumulative effect and hurt the economy at a time we should be helping.

Recommendations such as these cannot be made in a vacuum. Please consider the wide reaching effect of such a recommendation before it is made and ,if implemented, the harm it can do.

Sincerely,

/s/

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