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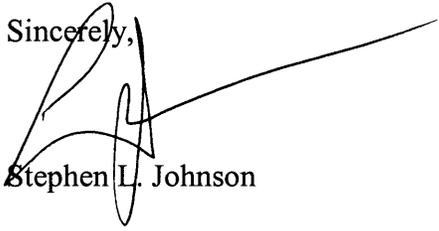
Dr. Rogene Henderson
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Dear Dr. Henderson:

Thank you for writing to present me with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee Ozone Review Panel's recommendations regarding EPA's review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone. The Panel's advice and recommendations have been extremely helpful to me and my staff throughout the review of the standards, and they serve as an important resource for me as I consider alternatives for a proposed ozone NAAQS.

I appreciate the assistance that you and all of the members of the Panel have provided to the Agency during its review process. Your advice and detailed comments were invaluable in the preparation of the Ozone Criteria Document and will be carefully considered as the staff completes the final version of the Staff Paper and related exposure analysis and risk assessments. The final Staff Paper and technical support documents for the related analyses will be released to the CASAC and to the public by January 5, 2007. I will consider your advice and recommendations carefully in formulating my proposal, which I must issue by May 30, 2007.

Sincerely,


Stephen L. Johnson

*Rogene -
I sincerely
appreciate your
leadership and
advice.
Thank you!*