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Dear Drs. Diez-Roux and Fernandez:

I thank you and the members of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee and the members of the review panel for the Secondary NAAQS for Oxides of Nitrogen and Sulfur for your comments on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's *Integrated Science Assessment for Oxides of Nitrogen, Oxides of Sulfur, and Particulate Matter – Ecological Criteria (First External Review Draft)*. My staff and I appreciate the thorough review and constructive comments provided by the panel during the public meeting on May 24-25, 2017, public teleconference on August 31, 2017, and in your letter dated September 28, 2017.

My staff is carefully considering your comments and recommendations, as well as the comments we received from the public. We are making revisions to address both consensus and individual CASAC comments and look forward to providing a Second External Review Draft for your review in 2018.

We recognize that our efforts to protect the environment can only be as good as the science upon which it is based. Independent critical reviews, such as yours, help ensure that we use the best science to protect our nation's environment. Please accept my appreciation for your hard work and thoughtful review.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Pruitt".

E. Scott Pruitt