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Chairman, Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee  
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Dear Dr. Samet:

Thank you and the other members of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee Particulate Matter Review Panel for your comments on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Quantitative Health Risk Assessment for Particulate Matter – Second External Review Draft (February 2010). The panel's review and advice, both during the public meetings on March 10 and 11, 2010, and in your letter dated April 15, 2010, have been very helpful to me and my staff.

We are carefully considering your comments and recommendations, as well as public comments received by the EPA, as we revise this document to further develop and sharpen our presentation of the quantitative health risk analyses for informing the current review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for particulate matter. We plan to finalize the quantitative risk assessment this month. At that time, we will highlight revisions made to the analyses and the final document in response to CASAC comments.

Again, I want to thank you and the panel for your efforts, and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lisa P. Jackson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lisa P. Jackson