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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 *Policy Assessment for the Review of the Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards – First External Review Draft*, March 2010. My staff and I are very appreciative of the guidance the panel provided during the public teleconferences in April and May and in your letter sent May 17, 2010.

As we revise this document to further develop our approach for evaluating the adequacy of the current suite of particulate-matter standards and identifying potential alternative standards, we will carefully consider your recommendations as well as the public comments we receive. By the end of June, we plan to send a second draft of the policy assessment for the panel's review at a public meeting in late July 2010. At that time, we will highlight in the transmittal memorandum revisions to the analyses and the draft document made in response to the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee's comments.

I look forward to continuing our productive relationship as we move forward with the review of the Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Once more, I appreciate your hard work.

Sincerely,

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

Lisa P. Jackson