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Dear ~~Dr. Samet~~ :

Thank you for your March 28, 2011, letter containing the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee Ozone Review Panel's recommendations on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's reconsideration of the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards. We greatly appreciate the panel's willingness to reconvene to offer the EPA additional advice on key issues involved in the reconsideration.

To ensure that the final decision on the reconsideration of the 2008 ozone standards is based on the most appropriate interpretation of the scientific evidence and exposure/risk information, I asked the panel to provide further advice about the strengths and limitations of the scientific evidence and the results of the exposure and health risk assessments. I requested that the panel consider only the information available in the record for the 2008 ozone NAAQS review.

Please know that I am grateful for the invaluable assistance you and the panel provided to EPA throughout this review. Your advice and detailed comments, including your letters of April 7, 2008, and February 19, 2010, have been enormously helpful during the reconsideration. I will consider your advice and recommendations carefully in formulating my final decision, which is expected by the end of July 2011.

In the meantime, I thank you and the panel once more for your excellent work and your dedicated service to the EPA.

Sincerely,



Lisa P. Jackson