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Dear Dr. Samet:

I want to thank you and other members of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee's Particulate Matter Review Panel for sharing your comments on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's *Particulate Matter Urban-Focused Visibility Assessment – Second External Review Draft*, January 2010. The panel's review and advice, both during the public meeting in March and in your recent letter, have been very helpful to me and my staff.

We are carefully considering your comments and recommendations along with public comments sent to the EPA, as we revise this document to sharpen our presentation of the quantitative assessments for informing the current review of the secondary (welfare-based) National Ambient Air Quality Standards for particulate matter. We plan to finalize the urban-focused visibility assessment during May. Then, we will highlight in a transmittal memorandum revisions to the analyses and the final document made in response to the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee's comments.

Again, please accept my appreciation for your time and expertise. I look forward to working with you and the panel in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa P. Jackson", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Lisa P. Jackson