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Administrator Johnson,

As the head of the EPA, it is your responsibility to reduce global warming contamination. The Supreme Court, federal judges in Vermont and California, and now I (as your employer) are all telling you to do your job in this regard. A Minnesota citizen, I support my states request for a waiver in order to allow us to improve our air quality.

My husband and I have made it our habit to purchase the MOST eco-friendly car available that meets our physical needs at the moment of purchase and drive it until logic demands we donate the car rather than repairing it further ourselves. We are now senior citizens on a fixed income and our 1998 Plymouth Voyager is coming close to this point. I'm sure you are thinking that the Plymouth Voyager wasn't the MOST eco-friendly car available in 1998. While that is true, my husband was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease just before we were to buy our last car and was already unable to comfortably enter and exit a lower slung car than a minivan. Also, he wanted to continue doing woodworking and wanted a vehicle that allowed him to transport the materials he needed to continue a satisfying hobby for as long as possible.

The Union of Concerned Scientists has designed a minivan called the Vanguard. We'd love to buy this car, but the heads of the auto industry won't make the effort to build it until YOU and WE insist by raising the standards they are required to meet. It has already been proven that improving the earth's ecology will improve our economy, so now we have to insist that the country move in that direction. The short sighted view of the "fat cats in charge" has to change. If they won't do it themselves, YOU need to require it for the good of the nation and the world. IT'S YOUR JOB!!! It's what WE pay you for.

The governments of the world came together in the Bali climate negotiations and set reasonable standards. The establishment of an EPA wasn't something the "government" wanted to do. It was demanded by the people of the United States. As an employee of the people who elected this government, listen to the voice of U.S. citizens who know that the technologies and fuels needed to meet these common sense standards in every vehicle class already exist. We want these options on our roads so we can do our best

to help be part of a sensible climate solution.

You had the opportunity to stand with the Clean Air Act, the environment, and the U.S. consumer. Your decision is unlikely to succeed in court and makes you appear to be in the pocket of the greedy leaders of the auto industry. DO THE JOB YOUR EMPLOYERS PUT YOU THERE TO DO!! And remember, George Bush isn't your employer, the voters are.

Please immediately revisit your short-sighted decision to reject the waiver needed for states to implement the California clean car standards.

Sincerely,  
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