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THE ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. James R. Moseley
Chair
Farm, Ranch and Rural
Communities Committee
7418 East Countyline Road South
Clarks Hill, Indiana 47930

Dear Mr. Moseley:

Thank you and the members of the Farm, Ranch and Rural Communities Committee for your thoughtful consideration of the important issues discussed in the advice letters and white papers recently submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

I have asked my Agricultural Counselor, Lawrence Elworth, to discuss the specific issues that the Committee has raised with the appropriate offices within the Agency, including our Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance and our Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances. The Agency has already engaged with the National Association of State Directors of Agriculture to participate in regular communications with that organization's membership. Discussions are also underway to enhance interaction and communications with the wider agricultural community.

Thank you again for your time and efforts in service to the Agency. I look forward to continued work with the Committee to address the challenges and opportunities that confront us today regarding agriculture and the environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa P. Jackson".

Lisa P. Jackson

cc: Lawrence Elworth
Rafael DeLeon
Mark Joyce
Alicia Kaiser