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February 16, 2007

Stephen L. Johnson
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20460

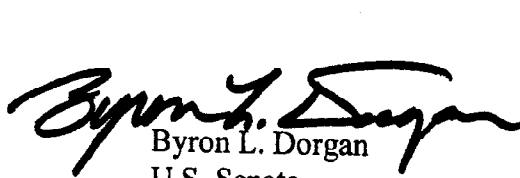
Dear Administrator Johnson:


We are writing to ask that you continue funding for the Center for Air Toxic Metals (CATM) within the fiscal year (FY) 2007 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) budget.

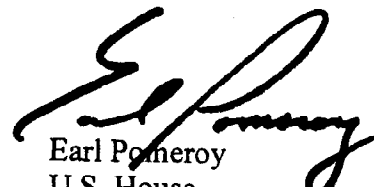
The FY2007 joint funding resolution, H.J.Res. 20, that was recently signed into law should provide your agency with the resources to continue the innovative research at the CATM, which has improved the nation's air, water, and soil quality. The cooperative research agreement that CATM has entered into with the Environmental Protection Agency helps to develop methods to minimize the detrimental effects of air toxic metals on the environment. CATM is the national hub for this research, and EPA's seed investments in CATM have leveraged nearly \$90 million for this joint venture.

Thank you in advance for your attention and consideration of this matter. If you should need any additional information on this Center, please do not hesitate to contact us. In the meantime, we look forward to working with you during the FY2008 appropriations process to ensure EPA receives the resources it needs to continue this and other vital projects.

Sincerely,


Byron L. Dorgan
U.S. Senate


Kent Conrad
U.S. Senate


Earl Pomeroy
U.S. House



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OFFICE OF THE
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The Honorable Byron Dorgan
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Dorgan:

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I understand that you have spoken with the Administrator about the CATM. We will get back to you with more information after completion of the Operating Plan.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may call James Blizzard, in EPA's Office on Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, at 202-564-1695.

Best wishes,

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Lyons Gray
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