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April 1, 2004

The Honorable Michael O. Leavitt
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460-0001

Dear Governor Leavitt:

I am writing to bring to your attention a new report that I released today entitled, "A Special Interest Case Study: The Chemical Industry, the Bush Administration, and European Efforts to Regulate Chemicals." This report, which is based on government documents, reveals that the Administration worked closely with the chemical industry to build opposition to a landmark effort in Europe known as Registration, Evaluation, and Authorization of Chemicals (REACH) to regulate the chemical industry.

To assist my efforts to understand the Administration's role in REACH, I request that you provide the following information:

1) An explanation of your Agency's role in this matter.

2) An accounting of all funds and resources (including full-time equivalents) used to analyze, lobby, or otherwise work on REACH or other chemical testing efforts by other nations since January 1, 2001.

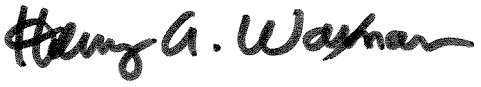
3) A list of all meetings with parties outside of the Agency regarding REACH or other chemical testing efforts by other nations since January 1, 2001. Please include the date of each meeting, the persons attending each meeting, the city where each meeting took place, the organization or organizations affiliated with each person, and the matters discussed.

4) A list of all meetings planned to take place with parties outside the Agency regarding REACH. Please include the scheduled or anticipated date of each meeting, the persons invited or likely to attend each meeting, the city where each meeting will take place, the organization or organizations affiliated with each person invited or likely to attend, and the matters anticipated to be discussed.

5) All communications (whether written, electronic, or oral) relating to REACH or chemical testing by other nations between EPA officials and any party outside the Agency since January 1, 2001.

I request that you provide this information no later than April 28, 2004. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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