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Dear Administrator Jackson:

It has come to our attention that, earlier this year, you signed a rule reinstating strict reporting requirements for industrial and federal facilities that release toxic substances. We understand that your reinstatement of the strict reporting requirements for the Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) was also codified in the 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act signed into law by President Obama in March.

These actions have resolved a long-standing issue for state environmental agencies, as we previously expressed in our policy resolution #06-12 regarding TRI reporting.

Now that we have learned about the recent actions taken by you and the President to remedy this situation, we wanted to take this opportunity to **thank you** for the Administration's prompt resolution of this matter.

Your actions will allow for more efficient and consistent reporting so that state agencies and the greater public can know what toxic substances are being released into the environment. Your actions may also pave the way for more accurate analysis and management of persistent bioaccumulative toxics (PBTs) and other toxic substances.

At our most recent meeting, ECOS allowed resolution #06-12 to expire because your actions remedied all of the issues it outlined.

Thank you for your leadership on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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