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Dear Mr. Wagner:

On December 5, 2007, Friends of the Earth, Oceana, Center for Biological Diversity and Earthjustice (Petitioners) sent a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or the Agency) petitioning the Agency to conduct rulemaking regarding greenhouse gas emissions from aircraft. Specifically, Petitioners request that EPA make a finding that greenhouse gas emissions from aircraft engines "may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health and welfare" and that EPA promulgate standards for greenhouse gas emissions from aircraft engines.

In the enclosed response memorandum, EPA provides the Administrator's intended plan to conduct a proceeding regarding whether greenhouse gas emissions from aircraft engines cause or contribute to air pollution which may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health or welfare, pursuant to section 231 of the Clean Air Act. EPA will not take final action on these issues prior to going through notice and comment. EPA is not prepared at this time to initiate the rulemaking to promulgate standards requested by the Petitioners. However, EPA plans to review that issue following the proceeding discussed above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gina McCarthy".

Gina McCarthy
Assistant Administrator

Enclosure