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Dear Dr. Marty:

Thank you for your letter and for the Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee's continuing support of the Agency's commitment to protecting children's environmental health. Clearly, children's health protection is critically important. I am confident that EPA will be a leader on children's environmental health issues, in the United States and internationally, working in concert with federal partners, states, tribes and local communities to advance this important work.

I agree with you on the importance of interagency collaboration on children's environmental health issues, and I am reestablishing a pivotal children's environmental health role for EPA with other federal departments and agencies addressing issues of air pollution, clean drinking and surface water, safe chemicals, and land management and global climate change. In addition, we are redoubling our efforts to work with states, Tribes and local government authorities to ensure that children are provided with a healthy environment where they live, learn, work and play. For example, we continue to focus on developing the school siting guidelines called for in the Energy Independence and Security Act. We are also focusing on promoting healthy home environments by working closely with the Departments of Housing and Urban Development and Health and Human Services, in collaboration with local communities.

As you know, I have appointed Dr. Peter Grevatt as Director of EPA's Office of Children's Health Protection and Environmental Education. Peter will serve as one of my key advisors and will lead the Agency's efforts to ensure that all of our actions include a careful consideration of the special vulnerabilities of children. I appreciate the CHPAC's work with Peter over the past couple of months to review important past recommendations and discuss future directions for EPA on children's environmental health.

