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May 5, 2017

Ms. Sarah Dunham
Acting Assistant Administrator
Office of Air and Radiation
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Dunham:

Pursuant to Rules X and XI of the U.S. House of Representatives, I write to request a briefing from your office regarding the multiple and conflicting reports about the fiscal year (FY) 2018 budget for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

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Cc: The Honorable Greg Walden
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Mr. Michael Shapiro
Acting Assistant Administrator
Office of Water
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

Pursuant to Rules X and XI of the U.S. House of Representatives, I write to request a briefing from your office regarding the multiple and conflicting reports about the fiscal year (FY) 2018 budget for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

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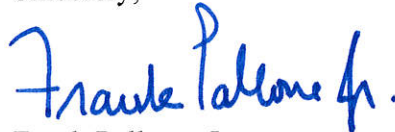
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Ms. Wendy Cleland-Hamnett
Acting Assistant Administrator
Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention
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Mail Code: 7101M
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Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Cleland-Hamnett:

Pursuant to Rules X and XI of the U.S. House of Representatives, I write to request a briefing from your office regarding the multiple and conflicting reports about the fiscal year (FY) 2018 budget for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

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Mr. Barry Breen
Acting Assistant Administrator
Office of Land and Emergency Management
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, DC 20460

Dear Mr. Breen:

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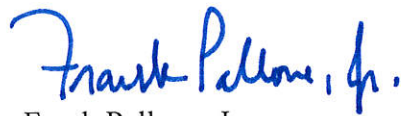
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Dr. Robert Kavlock
Acting Assistant Administrator
Office of Research and Development
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, DC 20460

Dear Dr. Kavlock:

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Ms. Donna Vizian
Acting Assistant Administrator
Office of Administration and Resources Management
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Dr. Steven Fine
Acting Assistant Administrator and Acting Chief Information Officer
Office of Environmental Information
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Mail Code: 2810A
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Dr. Fine:

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Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance
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Washington, DC 20460

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Ms. Jane Nishida
Acting Assistant Administrator
Office of International and Tribal Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

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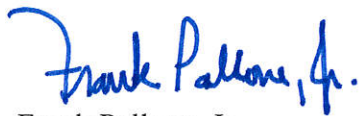
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Boston, MA 02109-3912

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Cc: The Honorable Greg Walden
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Mr. Cecil Rodrigues
Acting Regional Administrator
EPA Region 3 Office
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

Dear Mr. Rodrigues:

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Ms. V. Anne Heard
Acting Regional Administrator
EPA Region 4 Office
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303-8960

Dear Ms. Heard:

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Mr. Robert A. Kaplan
Acting Regional Administrator
EPA Region 5 Office
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604-3507

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Mr. Samuel Coleman, P.E.
Acting Regional Administrator
EPA Region 6 Office
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Fountain Place
1445 Ross Avenue Suite 1200
Dallas, TX 75202-2750

Dear Mr. Coleman:

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Mr. Edward H. Chu
Acting Regional Administrator
EPA Region 7 Office
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
11201 Renner Blvd.
Lenexa, KS 66219

Dear Mr. Chu:

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Ms. Deb Thomas
Acting Regional Administrator
EPA Region 8 Office
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1595 Wynkoop St.
Denver, CO 80202-1129

Dear Ms. Thomas:

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May 5, 2017

Ms. Alexis Strauss
Acting Regional Administrator
EPA Region 9 Office
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Ms. Strauss:

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Ms. Alexis Strauss
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May 5, 2017

Ms. Michelle Pirzadeh
Acting Regional Administrator
EPA Region 10 Office
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900
Seattle, WA 98101

Dear Ms. Pirzadeh:

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Ms. Michelle Pirzadeh
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