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Christopher Grundler
Director, Office of Transportation and Air Quality
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Dear Mr. Grundler:

The Environmental Protection Agency recently announced the extension of the comment period for the Tier 3 Motor Vehicle Emission and Fuel Standards Program. The extension was granted in response to requests from the oil industry. In your May 23 letter to the American Petroleum Institute, you extended a special invitation to meet with the API and its member companies. We respectfully request a comparable meeting for the American Lung Association and other health organizations. As you know, the health benefits resulting from the cleanup of gasoline and tailpipe emissions are significant. The public health benefits must be EPA's paramount concern in this rulemaking. We urge EPA to continue to hear from all interested stakeholders.

To date, this rulemaking has been conducted in a transparent and open process. The comment period extension provides a total of 90 days to review the proposal including 40 days since the proposal was published in the Federal Register. The proposal has been publicly available on EPA's website since March 29, 2013. The public and all stakeholder groups including automakers, emission control technology manufacturers, scientists, public health groups, consumer organizations and environmental groups have had the opportunity to review the proposal. In April, EPA hosted public hearings in Chicago and Philadelphia. More than 200 citizens, health professionals, automobile industry and other supporters of the proposal attended these hearings. Three representatives from the oil industry also testified.

The extension of the comment period must not delay the promulgation of these new standards beyond the end of this year. Our analysis of the health benefits associated with these standards documented in *A Penny for Prevention: The Case for Cleaner Gasoline and Vehicle Standards* show that the standards will prevent 2,500 premature deaths each year. Any delay in promulgation means more lives will be lost.

We trust EPA will continue to engage with all stakeholders and you will complete this rulemaking on time, prior to December 31, 2013. I will call your office to schedule our meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul G. Billings". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Paul G. Billings
Senior Vice President, Advocacy and Education
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