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TO: NACAA Air Directors

The President's FY 2011 budget request to Congress includes in EPA's budget a total of \$309.1 million in grants to state and local air pollution control agencies under Sections 103 and 105 of the Clean Air Act. This is an increase of \$82.5 million above last year's amount.

While we are very happy that the Administration has recognized the importance of clean air programs, and the dire need for additional funds, the passage of appropriations legislation containing the increase is by no means a certainty. Therefore, it is critical that state and local air agencies make a compelling case to Congress about the need for these increases. This should be done as soon as possible, since Congress will likely begin consideration of these appropriations bills shortly.

It is particularly critical that agencies with Representatives or Senators on the House and Senate Appropriations Committees or the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittees contact their delegations as soon as possible and urge that they communicate with Senator Dianne Feinstein (Chair of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies), or Congressman James Moran (Chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies), as appropriate. Accordingly, we are providing you with information that you may use in requesting that Congress adopt legislation that contains the increases proposed in the President's request.

If the members of your Congressional delegation are not on the Committee or Subcommittee, it is still important that you contact them and ask them to convey immediately to the Subcommittee the need for Section 103/105 funding at the level of the Administration's request. If you are unable to send a letter to your Congressional delegations, it would still be very useful for you to send an informal email or telephone their offices. Some of the attached information would be helpful background for those communications.

The attached information includes the following materials:

- a model letter that can be used as a guide in preparing your own similar correspondence to Congress. We urge you to restate these themes in your own words so the details of your agency are highlighted. If your letter is not directed to a member of the Committee or Subcommittee, you may wish to send a copy to the Committee and Subcommittee chairs; and
- a list of the members of the Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on Interior, Environment, and Independent Agencies and the members of the full Appropriations Committees. The addresses of the Subcommittee and Committee chairs are included. Email addresses for only the Subcommittees are publicly available. If you have contacts within the individual offices, you may wish to email your correspondence. In either case, it is a good idea to send your letter by U.S. mail as well.

If you send a letter to a Member of Congress on this issue, please provide Mary Sullivan Douglas of the NACAA Headquarters with a copy as well. If you have any questions, please contact Mary at (202) 624-7864 or [mdouglas@4cleanair.org](mailto:mdouglas@4cleanair.org).

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**Model Letter to Individual Members of Congress from State and Local Agencies**

[Brackets and underlining indicate where agency- or area-specific information could be inserted.]

Dear [Senator or Representative]:

I am writing to ask for your support for the President's proposed FY 2011 budget for state and local air pollution control agencies within the appropriation for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The proposal calls for \$309.1 million in grants to state and local air quality agencies under Sections 103 and 105 of the Clean Air Act, which includes a much-needed \$82.5 million increase above last year's appropriation.

Air pollution presents a very serious public health threat, resulting in the premature deaths of tens of thousands of Americans every year. State and local air quality agencies have many responsibilities in their quest for clean air, including new initiatives to address emerging issues and ongoing activities to preserve the gains in air quality that we have already made. In [name of state or area], for example, we are particularly concerned about [insert specific information about local air quality concerns]. Accordingly, we [insert details about the programs agency is working on].

Unfortunately, there is a serious shortfall in federal grants for state and local air quality programs. A study conducted by the National Association of Clean Air Agencies shows that federal grants to state and local air pollution control agencies should be increased by over \$550 million to adequately support state and local clean air programs. As a result of these funding deficits and the difficult economic times we face, state and local agencies struggle to address the critical air quality problems that need our attention and resources. In [name of state or area], [provide specific, concrete examples of how a lack of Section 105 grants have hurt your program. If possible, provide concrete evidence of how this has affected air quality or public health.] These deficits will continue as we face additional responsibilities related to climate change and the health-based air quality standards.

While the President's proposed budget does not fully address our funding shortfall, the proposed increase will be extremely helpful as we address ongoing responsibilities and new challenges. We can apply the additional funds to emission inventory development, sophisticated modeling, planning efforts, expanded monitoring networks, and the adoption and enforcement of regulations, among other things. Here in [name of state or local area], these additional funds could [insert specific information about what your agency could accomplish with a Section 105 increase. Be specific about improvements and how this would help the state or area.]

We at [name of agency] are doing as much as possible to ensure healthful air quality. To do so, we need adequate federal funding. I urge you to promote public health by supporting the President's budget proposal for state and local air grants. Thank you for any assistance you can offer and I hope we can count on your support. If I can provide you with any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

cc: Chairs of Appropriations Committees  
Chairs of Interior, Environment, and Independent Agencies Subcommittees

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