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The Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc. (ISRI) is the "Voice of the Recycling Industry." ISRI and its 21 chapters represent approximately 1,300 companies operating in nearly 4,000 locations in the U.S. and 34 countries worldwide that process, broker, and consume scrap commodities, including metals, paper, plastics, glass, rubber, electronics, and textiles. With headquarters in Washington, DC, ISRI provides education, advocacy, safety and compliance training, and promotes public awareness of the vital role recycling plays in the U.S. economy, global trade, the environment and sustainable development. Generating more than \$105 billion annually in U.S. economic activity, the scrap recycling industry provides nearly half a million Americans with good jobs. For more information about ISRI, please visit www.isri.org.

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Associate Administrator Samantha Dravis
U.S. Environmental protection Agency
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Re: Scrap Recycling Facility Tour, Jersey City, New Jersey

Dear Ms. Dravis:

I would like to invite you and Administrator Scott Pruitt to visit a large 100 acre scrap recycling facility owned by Sims Metal Management Corporation located at 1 Linden Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey to learn more about the scrap recycling industry. This particular facility has both an auto-shredder that processes used cars, appliances, industrial and commercial materials as well as a state-of-the-art municipal recycling facility that serves the entire New York City area. The facility is conveniently located near Amtrak or the New York/New Jersey airports. I would suggest scheduling approximately two hours to be able to visit both operations.

Industry Background

The scrap recycling industry's total economic impact in the United States is nearly \$117 billion, generating \$13.2 billion in federal, state and local tax revenue while supporting more than 530,000 jobs.

In 2016, the recycling industry processed more than 130 million metric tons of recyclables, including 65 million metric tons of iron and steel scrap (also known as ferrous scrap) valued at more than \$14 billion. As such, the U.S. scrap recycling industry is an environmental steward, an economic driver, and is vital to both the health of domestic and global manufacturing. In fact, the scrap recycling industry is often referred to as the first link in the global manufacturing supply chain, making the industry dependent upon both a healthy domestic manufacturing base and access to global markets.

Environmental Benefits from Using Ferrous Scrap

In addition to generating significant economic benefits, the scrap recycling industry is a pivotal player in environmental protection, resource conservation, and sustainable development. The industry recycled

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more than 130 million metric tons of materials in 2015, transforming outdated or obsolete scrap into useful raw materials needed to produce a range of new products. In so doing, scrap recycling:

- Reduces the need to mine for new ore, cut down more trees, and otherwise deplete our natural resources;
- Produces significant energy savings as compared to using virgin materials, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and
- Reduces the amount of material being sent to landfills saving the land for better uses.

While market forces provide the incentives to recycle and consume scrap material, scrap recycling offers real sustainable solutions for balancing economic growth and environmental stewardship. Not only does recycling conserve our limited natural resources, it also reduces greenhouse gas emissions by significantly saving the amount of energy needed to manufacture the products that we buy, build, and use every day. The energy saved by recycling may then be used for other purposes, such as heating our homes and powering our automobiles.

Manufacturing Benefits from Using Scrap Materials

Manufacturers prize scrap as a raw material input due in part to the cost and energy savings associated with using scrap. For example, domestic steelmakers rely on iron and steel scrap to make roughly two out of every three pounds of steel produced in the United States. Metal scrap can practically be melted and re-melted an infinite number of times to make products and parts for everything from cell phones to automobiles, bridges, and buildings. Manufacturers also rely on scrap commodities to produce a wide array of nonmetallic goods including new paper and cardboard products, plastic containers, playground surfaces, and much more.

We look forward to scheduling this facility tour for you and Mr. Pruitt at your earliest availability. Please contact me at (202) 662-8548 or billyjohnson@isri.org to schedule this tour.

Best regards,

William H. Johnson

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