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Honorable Carl B. Albert
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

There is transmitted herewith for the consideration of the Congress a draft bill "The Toxic Substances Control Act of 1971." The bill is drafted as a separate title to the Hazardous Substances Act.

The legislative proposal would authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to restrict or prohibit the use or distribution of a chemical substance if necessary to protect health and the environment. The Administrator is also authorized to prescribe standards for tests and results of such tests which must be met before a manufacturer can market a new product. The Administrator is required to consult with an independent board of scientists before proposing action to restrict a substance or before proposing standards for tests.

The provisions of the proposal would provide needed protection to the American public and would greatly aid our efforts to improve environmental quality.

The legislation has been developed in cooperation with the Council on Environmental Quality and other interested agencies.

A similar letter is being sent to the President of the Senate.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that enactment of this proposed legislation would be in accord with the program of the President.

Sincerely yours,

William D. Ruckelshaus

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