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Administrator Pruitt,

On behalf of the Association of Air Pollution Control Agencies (AAPCA), I am happy to share with you a copy of a new report, *The Greatest Story Seldom Told: Profiles and Success Stories in Air Pollution Control*. You can find a copy of the report attached as well as on the [AAPCA website](#), and the enclosed cover letter summarizes a few of the key findings. In short, through the Clean Air Act's framework of cooperative federalism, hard-working state and local air quality agencies have made tremendous progress in virtually every measure of air pollution control. The states agencies serving on the AAPCA Board of Directors have frequently outperformed national averages in a variety of these measures and the U.S. has exceeded international trends in air quality.

Thank you for the attention to this report, as well as your consideration of the invitation to serve as the keynote speaker at our Association's Fall Business Meeting (September 20 – 22 in Raleigh, North Carolina). AAPCA and its members look forward to working with you and your staff to continue these successes.

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Subject: *The Greatest Story Seldom Told: Profiles and Success Stories in Air Pollution Control*

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

The Association of Air Pollution Control Agencies (AAPCA)¹ appreciates the opportunity to share with you a copy of a new report, *The Greatest Story Seldom Told: Profiles and Success Stories in Air Pollution Control*, released ahead of Earth Day and Air Quality Awareness Week (May 1 – 5). Through the Clean Air Act's framework of cooperative federalism, hard-working state and local air quality agencies have made tremendous progress in virtually every measure of air pollution control. This publication attempts to catalogue these trends through publicly available data from U.S. EPA and other agencies, and includes key metrics from concentrations of criteria pollutants like ground-level ozone and air releases of toxic chemicals to compliance/enforcement activity and operating permit renewals.

Where data sets allow state-to-state comparisons, the report highlights critical areas where the twenty states that serve on the AAPCA Board of Directors have provided leadership. These states, with primary responsibility for air quality in parts of the country growing in population and economic activity, frequently outperformed national averages in a variety of these measures. For example, AAPCA Member States lead the country in permitting and compliance efficiency, and have overseen dramatic improvements under increasingly stringent ambient air quality standards. They have surpassed national trends in reducing nitrogen oxide (NO_x) emissions and carbon intensity. In recent years, reduced emissions of air toxics as well as electricity sector sulfur dioxide and NO_x in these states represent roughly two-thirds of the overall progress in the U.S.. Similarly, the U.S. has far exceeded international trends in air quality, with some of the lowest levels of average annual fine particulate matter and the largest reduction in carbon dioxide emissions in the world over the last decade.

Thank you for the attention to this report. AAPCA and its members look forward to working with you and your staff to continue these successes. If you have any questions, please contact cwoods@csg.org or (859) 244-8040.

Sincerely,

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¹ AAPCA is a national, non-profit, consensus-driven organization focused on assisting state and local air quality agencies and personnel with implementation and technical issues associated with the federal Clean Air Act. AAPCA represents more than 40 state and local air agencies, and senior officials from 20 state environmental agencies currently sit on the AAPCA Board of Directors. AAPCA is housed in Lexington, Kentucky as an affiliate of The Council of State Governments. You can find more information about AAPCA at: <http://www.cleanairact.org>.