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Dr. Louis J. Dublin,
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Dear Sir:

I have noted with deep interest your remarks about the steady decrease in the fertility of American women which, if the trend continues in the future, may have dreadful consequences to this Nation.

May I respectfully submit that in all of the discussions I have seen in recent years about the loss of sexual fertility in human beings in this Nation, none of them has publicly mentioned the fact that the people of this Nation are living in an atmosphere of cumulative poisonous gases on our highways, particularly lead fuel dope vapors and carbon monoxide.

If I correctly understand the present views of the medical fraternity in the world, it is not questioned by anyone capable of expressing a valid opinion on this complex subject, that lead poisoning decreases, and in many cases ultimately destroys, sexual fertility.

Further, the constant inhalation of carbon monoxide has a toxic effect on human beings similar to excessive use of alcoholic beverages, and between the carbon monoxide and lead accumulating in the human body, the chemical equilibrium of the human tissues are upset to a degree that is one of the gravest sources causing more than 500,000 inexplicable accidents per annum in our highways, resulting in the deaths of more than 36,000, the permanent injury of more than 100,000 and more or less grave injuries to more than a million other people; with a monetary loss estimated to be more than one billion dollars per annum.

One of the mysteries of our times is the refusal of the medical profession and insurance companies in this Nation to take hold in these ghastly problems against the public welfare and bring about the proper legislation to stop the injury and slaughter of human beings in this Nation which makes the Borgias of Italy pikers in the sport of poisoning their opponents, and equalled only by the wars between Nations in recent decades.

Sincerely yours,