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Deadline for your organization to sign is TOMORROW MARCH 29, 2013

State and local health organizations support Cleaner Gasoline and Vehicles

March, 2013

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest,
Washington DC 20500.

Dear Mr. President:

We the undersigned health and medical organizations urge you to support cleaner, healthier air and adopt cleaner gasoline and vehicle emissions standards as soon as possible. The nation needs these stronger public health protections urgently to reduce dangerous air pollution from cars, light trucks and SUVs.

We have seen first-hand the effects of these harmful emissions. Motor vehicles are a major source of ozone forming pollution which triggers asthma attacks, worsens lung disease and shortens life. Cars, light trucks and SUVs contribute to particle pollution which threatens heart and lung health, as well as increases the risk of premature death. Emissions from these vehicles also add to the toxic burden of those who live or work near the nation's busy highways.

The new standards will protect our children, the elderly, those with chronic lung disease, heart disease or diabetes, and those who have low incomes. We strongly urge you to direct the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to propose new lower sulfur gasoline and cleaner vehicle emissions standards immediately and to issue final standards by December 31, 2013.

Sincerely,