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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about air pollution. We are having lovely red sunsets in Berkeley. This is due mostly to wildfires but living in Pasadena in the eighties the day's air quality was always on the front page and the big culprit was car exhaust. Air pollution is a classic negative externality with the benefits flowing to the very few and the costs to all of us so that national regulation is essential, including local emissions targets for cars and coal plants as well as national ones to keep warming and the associated growth of wildfires in check. The 1970 Clean Air Act has significantly reduced pollutants and the associated deaths (estimated at 600 Americans a day). Your administration has failed on all fronts, withdrawing the US from the Paris agreement, nominating an opponent of the Mass vs EPA greenhouse gas case to the supreme court, rolling back vehicle emissions and electric vehicle targets and now Acting Administrator Wheeler and Mr Wehrum have managed to circumvent ethics rules for lobbyists and get dirtier coal plants into your environmental proposals.

Please assure me that you will champion clean air.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our healthy environment.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson