

June 18, 2012

Dear Mrs. Henry (The Jet Pulverizer Co.):

Thank you for contacting me in support of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed Mercury and Air Toxics Standards. I appreciate hearing from you on this important issue.

Earlier this year the EPA proposed Mercury and Air Toxics Standards, which set the first ever national limits on power plant releases of mercury, arsenic, chromium, nickel and acid gases into the air we breathe. America's power plants are the source of half of the mercury emissions, half of the acid gases, and a quarter of all toxic metal pollution in the U.S. Almost half of America's coal plants lack advanced pollution controls. Under the new standards, American power plants will install widely available, American-made pollution control technology to cut emissions.

Once the standards are in place, widespread use of existing pollution control technology will protect against 120,000 incidents of childhood asthma symptoms and ensure 11,000 fewer cases of acute bronchitis in children each year, making this one of the largest steps forward in protecting our kids from toxic air pollution.

Please be assured that I support strong air pollution standards and will continue to monitor this issue as EPA moves forward with public hearings and a comment period before finalizing this rule. Thank you again for contacting me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank R. Lautenberg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "F".

Senator Frank R. Lautenberg