



June 15, 2012

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

Thank you for contacting me to express your support for the new Mercury and Air Toxics Standards. Your opinion is very important to me, and I appreciate the opportunity to respond to you on this critical issue.

As you know, some in Congress are working to block the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards from being implemented by the EPA. Like you, I believe that our nation's health demands that we prevent this from happening.

I wholeheartedly agree with you that we should be doing all we can to protect public health from toxins that may seep into our air, water, and soil. Mercury, soot, and sulfur from coal power plants continue to make their way into our bodies; and carbon pollution is warming the planet. This is a public health crisis, one that all members of Congress should be scrambling to combat.

Despite this reality, many of my colleagues in the new Congress want to prevent the government from enforcing these standards and allow polluters to dump unlimited amounts of pollution into our atmosphere. They say they are worried about jobs, but pollution doesn't create jobs. It costs lives, it lowers productivity, it forces workers to stay home, and it inflates health costs.

This country's elected leaders are going to have to choose between bending to the will of big polluters and standing up for the clean air our nation deserves. In my mind, that's not a choice at all. Rest assured that I am going to stand up for New Jersey families and continue to fight to protect our air, water, and soil.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance. I invite you to visit my website (<http://menendez.senate.gov>) to learn more about my work on behalf of New Jersey families in the United States Senate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Menendez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a period at the end.

ROBERT MENENDEZ
United States Senator