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[Concerning a Report to Congress on the Adequacy of an EPA Study]

The Honorable Bob Eckhardt
Chairman, Subcommittee on Consumer
Protection and Finance
Committee on Interstate and
Foreign Commerce
House of Representatives

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Should you have any questions, the staff of our Community and Economic Development Division will be available to assist you.

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