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Dear Administrator Jackson,

**RE: GHG Endangerment Finding**

Citizens Campaign for the Environment (CCE) empowers communities and advocates solutions to protect public health and our shared environment. Supported by 80,000 members throughout New York and Connecticut, CCE regularly interacts with the public to increase citizen voices and influence in the development of public policies to advance public health and environmental protection.

CCE strongly agrees with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in finding that the increased concentrations of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere endanger the public health and welfare of current and future generations. CCE applauds the EPA scientists and professionals who have worked for years to advance sound climate change science and solutions. **CCE believes this proposed rule is long overdue and urges EPA to move swiftly in proposing mandatory, economy-wide rules and regulations to achieve substantial greenhouse gas emission reductions.** CCE is hopeful that following the adoption of this rule, EPA's expertise along with strong federal partners, as demonstrated by [www.globalchange.gov](http://www.globalchange.gov), will expedite the urgent federal coordination necessary to implement meaningful solutions and policy framework to reduce climate change causing pollution.

CCE agrees with the majority opinion of the Supreme Court's ruling of *Massachusetts v. EPA* that it is within EPA's jurisdiction under the Clear Air Act to regulate greenhouse gas pollution. CCE believes it is the EPA's obligation to fulfill its mission "to protect

human health and the environment,” by addressing the public health and endangerment posed by unregulated greenhouse gas emissions.

The public strongly agrees with the EPA finding and urges the EPA to take actions to reduce the concentration of greenhouse gas pollution under its existing authority in the Clean Air Act. More than 21,400 individuals in New York and Connecticut signed petitions urging the EPA to take urgent action to address climate change by regulating and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Additionally, more than 2,200 citizens wrote letters for the public record in strong support for the EPA regulating greenhouse gas emissions under the Clean Air Act.

The overwhelming public support cannot be ignored for EPA to find endangerment to public health and welfare from unregulated greenhouse gas emissions contributing to global climate change. Evidence of our changing climate is already occurring. However, the worst threats to our natural resources, human communities, wildlife, economy, agriculture, and quality of life, can be avoided through swift, smart, and sustainable policymaking and commitment to science to reduce greenhouse gas pollution.

The public recognizes that climate change means that we have to change. No action is a non-option; the time is now to adopt and implement the policy framework. The EPA must swiftly move to adopt the rules and regulations to provide the level playing field, the regulatory certainty, and roadmap for a carbon-constrained and sustainable future.

Confronting climate change is a government responsibility requiring action in response to a true grassroots effort to address a true global crisis. Citizens and scientists have been leading the way in advancing climate solutions for decades, and America’s Cities, Towns, Counties, Universities, Businesses, Energy Companies, and States have been at the forefront initiating local climate policies. The science is clear and responsibility is known—the federal government can no longer delay mandatory reductions of greenhouse gas emissions.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Adrienne Esposito, CCE Executive Director

