



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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OFFICE OF  
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JUN 13 2012

The Honorable Ben Nelson  
United States Senate  
720 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Nelson:

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Sincerely,

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