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Dear Mr. Porter:

Thank you for your letter of April 26 regarding air pollution control legislation. I am sorry not to have answered you earlier; because of the amount of mail I have been receiving this year, I cannot respond to individual requests as promptly as I would like.

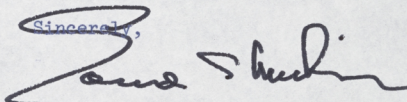
Your thoughtfulness in expressing your concern to me is appreciated and I would like to take this opportunity to comment specifically on the issues you have raised with respect to the provisions of the Clean Air Amendments of 1970 (P.L. 91-604).

National ambient air quality standards were formulated by the Congress because it was felt that there was no way to impose strict emission controls in some areas of the country without penalizing other areas. The precise deadlines imposed by the Clean Air Amendments assure protection of the public health in three years. The implementation plans intended to achieve national ambient air quality standards must include a description of steps which will be taken, including transportation and land use controls, as well as emission requirements.

I would agree that emission monitoring must be accurately performed, and it is for this reason that the Amendments provide that falsification of reports is subject to severe penalties, as are other violations of PL 91-604. In addition, monitoring functions are to be through industrial, state and Federal sources.

Enclosed is a copy of the Clean Air Amendments of 1970 for your review. I hope I have been of assistance in clarifying many of its provisions.

Sincerely,



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