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Mr. Alan D. Levy
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Dear Mr. Levy:

Thank you for the recent letter concerning regulations to reduce automobile emission levels in new cars.

Environmental protection remains a major concern of the federal government. Policy decisions must be made on the basis of sound analysis. Public input is also essential to these decisions. As you know, the Department of Environment recently released four studies on the economic and environmental impact of automobile exhaust standards. Prior to making any decision, I will want to review these with my colleague, the Honourable Charles Caccia, Minister of the Environment. I have also announced that we will be meeting with concerned industry and environmental groups to hear their views on the results of the studies.

Only then will we be in a position to announce any changes to emission standards.

Once again, I would like to thank you for taking the time to share your concerns with me.

Sincerely yours,

Lloyd Axworthy

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