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The Honorable Robert Dole
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Bob:

I am writing to urge that you consider a comprehensive bill in the First Session of this Congress which would amend the Clean Air Act.

We can all take pride in the progress we have made toward our common goal of clean air. By 1979, we had reduced the emissions from new cars by 90 percent, a far greater reduction than that achieved by any other source. As a result, the air is substantially cleaner year by year, as old cars are replaced by new ones. Additional changes in the mobile source standards in 1980 and 1981 reduced emissions by another two to three percent, but because it pushed technology to its limits, the cost was very high.

There is a need to make corrections this year in the Act which will reflect new scientific and health data, and which will save customers the expense of additional unnecessary emissions control hardware.

There is also a need to modify existing regulations where they impose excessive and costly burdens without yielding corresponding improvements in air quality. The changes proposed in the Traxler-Hillis bill closely adhere to the recommendations of the National Commission on Air Quality and to the Administration's 11 principles expressed by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

If the recommendations in H.R. 4400 are adopted, the cost savings to Chrysler's customers would amount to approximately \$200 per vehicle. At the same time, the public would continue to enjoy improved air quality, and an increase in fuel economy of from three to five percent.

It is vitally important that Congress act quickly on these recommendations. We are now at the point of completing our engineering plans for the 1983 model year. If we are to pass on the savings to our customers that can come from changing the Clean Air Act, we need action in this session.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Lee

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