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## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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Meg McCollister  
EPA Regional Administrator – Region 7  
11201 Renner Boulevard  
Lenexa, KS 66219

### Re: Regional Haze Region 7 Update

Dear Regional Administrator McCollister and staff:

In April 2023, I wrote to you with earnest concern about the air pollution in Missouri and its discernible impacts on my constituents. As you will recall, my letter requested swift action on Missouri's inadequate Regional Haze State Implementation Plan or work on a replacement Federal Implementation Plan to better protect Missourians from haze-causing pollution. As you know, this air pollution has significant, negative health impacts across the state, especially in the low-income communities and communities of color who reside near Missouri's polluting power plants. I was pleased to receive your response letter in May 2023, in which you acknowledged the importance of the Regional Haze Program for Missouri and stated that there would likely be an opportunity to comment on EPA's proposed action on Missouri's Regional Haze State Implementation Plan in early 2024. I am writing now to seek an update on your progress.

The Regional Haze program is a powerful tool for Region 7 to achieve pollution reductions from major sources that would otherwise go unmitigated. Just as air pollution has disproportionate impacts on the most vulnerable communities, it's these same communities who also stand to benefit the most from a Regional Haze plan that helps to curb it. Consequently, any updates you can provide would be sincerely appreciated.

Thank you for your attention to this important program, as I know this has been a critical priority for you and your team. I hope we can work together to ensure that Missourians have cleaner, healthier air to breathe, and if there's anything our office can do to support you in your work towards that critical goal, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Respectfully,

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