Dear Administrator McCarthy:

In Wayne County, Mich., part of which is failing to meet federal air quality standards for sulfur dioxide, there are 92 schools with thousands of students. These students live in Environmental Justice communities where their health and learning is at risk every day from sulfur dioxide pollution that is combined with the cumulative impacts of pollution from multiple industries. Exposure to sulfur dioxide in even very short time periods—such as five minutes—can have significant impact to human health, including aggravation of asthma and other respiratory illnesses.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has failed to produce a plan that will bring Wayne County into attainment with federal standards and instead has allowed the polluting industries to propose their own sulfur dioxide emission levels. Fortunately, the Environmental Protection Agency has the power to protect these children and their communities from excess sulfur dioxide pollution.

It is time for the Environmental Protection Agency to use its authority to protect our communities. I urge you to quickly put in place a federal plan to reduce sulfur dioxide pollution in Wayne County.

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