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Mr. Andy Bessler, Project Director  
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Dear Mr. Bessler:

Thank you for your October 1, 2020, letter to Administrator Wheeler on behalf of the National Tribal Air Association in which you express your concerns about the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposal to retain the current primary (health-based) and secondary (welfare-based) ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

In your letter, you express concern over the impact of ozone on public health, including the health of American Indian/American Native populations, and on the environment. You request that the EPA reconsider its proposal to retain the current ozone standards and, instead, strengthen both standards.

I appreciate all of your concerns and can assure you that your views and comments will be taken into consideration as we develop a final decision. Your comments and recommendations are in the docket for this rulemaking (Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2018-0729) and will be considered as the EPA moves forward in its decision-making process. The EPA intends to issue a final decision on the ozone NAAQS near the end of this year.

Again, thank you for your letter and thank you for your engagement in this review. I appreciate the opportunity to be of service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. Tsirigotis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Peter Tsirigotis