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TALKING POINTS FOR OZONE FLOOR STATEMENT

- o NO ONE SHOULD BE STARTLED BY TODAY'S FINDINGS. THE WARNINGS HAVE BEEN CLEAR AND LOUD. THE PROBLEM IS, THEY'VE ALSO BEEN REPEATEDLY IGNORED BY AN ADMINISTRATION THAT REFUSES TO LISTEN.
- o GEORGE BUSH HAS KEPT HIS HANDS OVER HIS EARS AND CLOSED HIS EYES. THE PROBLEM HE WANTED TO IGNORE IS SUDDENLY BANGING DOWN THE FRONT DOOR. IT'S TIME TO PAY ATTENTION.
- o OUTRAGE IS THE ONLY APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S INACTION. THERE IS AN URGENT NEED NOT ONLY FOR LEADERSHIP BUT FOR BASIC CITIZENSHIP. THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION IS FLAGRANTLY VIOLATING EXISTING LAW -- A LAW IT CLAIMS BRAGGING RIGHTS TO WHEN IT COMES TO LISTING ENVIRONMENTAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS.
- o THIS IS ABOUT HUMAN HEALTH -- ABOUT ALLOWING MILLIONS OF ADDITIONAL CASES OF CANCER TO DEVELOP, ABOUT EXPOSING HUMAN IMMUNE SYSTEMS TO RISK, ABOUT HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF ADDITIONAL DEATHS, ABOUT DRAMATICALLY CHANGING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR ENVIRONMENT.
- o IF THIS DOESN'T JUMP START THIS ADMINISTRATION INTO ACTION, I DON'T WANT TO THINK ABOUT WHAT KIND OF DEVASTATION IT WILL TAKE TO GET THEM GOING.

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File in ozone amendment energy bill

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Whereas recent scientific data show that the ozone layer over densely populated areas of the United States and other countries in the northern midlatitudes has thinned twice as fast as had previously been measured and as had been projected by theoretical models and the depletion is persisting into the warmer months of the year, and has reached significant levels even in summer;

Whereas ozone depletion in the Southern Hemisphere is proceeding even more rapidly than in the Northern Hemisphere;

Whereas the incidence of skin cancer and cataracts is expected to rise significantly and the human immune system may be suppressed due to increased exposure to ultraviolet radiation;

Whereas increased exposure to ultraviolet radiation threatens food crops and some wild plants, and interferes with the ability of phytoplankton, the microscopic organisms that are at the base of the oceanic food chain, to photosynthesize and to reproduce;

Whereas the scientific evidence shows that chlorofluorocarbons, hydrochlorofluorocarbons, and other halogenated chemicals undergo reactions in the stratosphere that lead to the rapid destruction of the ozone layer;

Whereas the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency is required under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 to accelerate the scheduled phaseout of ozone-destroying substances if it is determined in the light of scientific evidence that a more stringent schedule is necessary to protect human health and the environment;

Whereas the recent scientific findings make necessary a reappraisal of both domestic and international policy on the control of ozone-destroying chemicals: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved,

That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that --

the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency should accelerate the interim phaseout schedules and the final phaseout date of chlorofluorocarbons, carbon tetrachloride, methyl chloroform, and halons as required pursuant to Section 606 of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, and shall provide for complete phaseout as early as possible, taking into account Section 604 of the Act;

the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency should accelerate the interim phaseout schedule and the final phaseout date of the hydrochlorofluorocarbons that have relatively long atmospheric lifetimes or high ozone depletion potentials;

the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency should prioritize efforts to issue regulations, as required pursuant to Title VI of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, providing for the recapture and recycling of ozone-destroying substances as used in appliances and motor vehicle air conditioners, and for the elimination of such substances as used in non-essential consumer products;

the President of the United States should urge the Contracting Parties to the Montreal Protocol to accelerate the interim phaseout schedules and the final phaseout date of the ozone-destroying chemicals currently covered by the Protocol;

the President should urge the Contracting Parties to include hydrochlorofluorocarbons within the terms of the Montreal Protocol, and to provide for the most rapid phaseout of those hydrochlorofluorocarbons with relatively long atmospheric lifetimes, or high ozone depletion potentials;

the President should urge the Contracting Parties to amend the Protocol to include recapture and recycling provisions and to prohibit the venting or releasing of ozone-destroying chemicals from refrigeration and air conditioning units into the atmosphere by date certain; and

the President should urge the Contracting Parties to accelerate the compliance of developing countries with the terms of the Montreal Protocol.

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