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The Honorable Harry Reid, Chairman  
Environment and Public Works Committee  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I write to you today to support the nomination of New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman to be administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and to forcefully oppose the efforts of some to suggest that Governor Whitman is insensitive to the needs of African Americans and indifferent to their status as citizens of New Jersey.

By way of introduction, you should know that, as the Assistant Secretary for Labor Standards in the Nixon Administration, I was the author of the nation's Affirmative Action Enforcement Policy. In addition, I earn my living conducting seminars and workshops concerned with employment standards, rules, regulation and guidelines as a whole. I also create, design, implement, monitor, and evaluate employment and business affirmative action programs and projects specifically.

My lifelong work on behalf of the civil rights of African Americans has earned me ranking as number 18 on the list of the 100 Most Influential Black Americans of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. I am known to and respected by politically aware, active, and astute individuals in just about every Black community in the country.