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The Honorable Christine Todd Whitman  
Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
401 M Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Whitman:

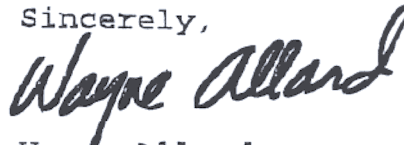
I appreciate your December 27, 2001, response to the questions that I posed to you about the future of the Office of the Ombudsman. It is now my understanding that the move of the Office of the Ombudsman under the jurisdiction of the Office of Inspector General will officially occur January 13, 2002.

As you indicated, this move was recommended by a GAO study. However, the negative results of this decision must be considered - Congress must have time to fully analyze the repercussions of this move before it occurs.

As we discussed Friday, investigations by the Office of the Ombudsman have had direct effects on the constituents of my state. It is important that the Office continue to have sufficient freedom to conduct similar investigations.

In light of this, and your answers to the questions posed in my December 6 letter, I must request that you delay transfer of the Office of the Ombudsman until further analysis of the effects of this move can be made.

Sincerely,



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