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Organizations Representing over 150,000 U.S. Businesses Issue Joint Statement on EPA's Final Clean Air Standards for Fine Particle Pollution

Washington, DC – Today, a group of business organizations representing over 150,000 businesses across the country announced their support for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) finalized national standard for fine particle pollution. The statement, signed by the American Sustainable Business Council (ASBC), Environmental Entrepreneurs (E2) and Ceres, reads as follows:

"On behalf of American business leaders, entrepreneurs, and investors who believe in the Clean Air Act's ability to spur innovation and promote market certainty, today we commend the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for issuing stronger national air quality standards for fine particle pollution. We represent a diverse set of business interests ranging in size from Fortune 500 companies to small businesses that support timely implementation of EPA's clean air rules, and strongly believe EPA's revised fine particle standards will lead to a healthier and more productive American workforce. Reductions in fine particle pollution will result in decreased mortality rates and fewer incidents of heart attacks, strokes, and asthma, consequently avoiding lost work days and pollution-related health care costs for businesses across the economy. The revised standards reflect EPA's understanding that American businesses cannot afford the rising health care costs and lost work days imposed by air pollution."

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The American Sustainable Business Council (ASBC) is a growing coalition of business networks and businesses committed to advancing a new vision, framework and policies that support a vibrant, equitable and sustainable economy. The Council brings together the business perspective, experience and political will and strength to stimulate our economy, benefit our communities, and preserve our environment. Today, the organizations that have joined in this partnership represent over 150,000 businesses and more than 200,000 entrepreneurs, owners, executives, investors and business professionals. www.asbcouncil.org

Ceres is a national coalition of major investors, businesses and public interest organizations working with companies to address sustainability challenges such as climate change and water scarcity. www.ceres.org

Environmental Entrepreneurs (E2) is the independent business voice for the environment. E2 is a national community of individual business leaders who advocate for good environmental policy while building economic prosperity. E2 takes a reasoned, economically sound approach to environmental issues by relying on fact-based policy expertise. As the independent business voice in the debate, E2 is effective and delivers results at both the state and national levels through its bipartisan efforts. www.e2.org