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Dear Mr. Suckling,

Thank you for your letter dated September 4. I appreciate your concern that Verizon Wireless' financial contribution to a rally in West Virginia sponsored by "Friends of America" has caused confusion about our positions on environmental issues. I am pleased to have the opportunity to set the record straight.

First, let me be clear that the decision to give \$1000 to the event was a local decision focused on promoting our products at the event. It was not a statement of our position on any public policy issue, and it certainly was not an expression of support for mountaintop removal coal mining or in opposition to climate legislation.

Verizon supports the goals of policy makers who are committed to reducing carbon emissions and protecting the environment. As part of our corporate responsibility commitments, Verizon has made a focused and sustained effort at fostering sustainability, both inside the company, within the telecommunications industry and in the communities we serve. We have been a leading voice for demonstrating how communication technologies can be deployed to achieve transformational energy efficiency progress and to facilitate major reduction of greenhouse gases. And we have consistently walked the talk by aggressively reducing our own energy usage through innovative programs and technologies.

I have included links at the bottom of this letter to our Corporate Responsibility Report and to Web sites and press releases that highlight our environmental initiatives.

I appreciate the counsel and support that the Center for Biological Diversity and other members of the environmental community have provided. I assure you that we remain steadfast in our commitment to achieving a sustainable future. We look forward to continued dialogue and collaboration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lowell McAdam". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Links as discussed above:

2008-09 Corporate Responsibility Report <http://responsibility.verizon.com/>

Verizon Environmental Web sites: <http://newscenter.verizon.com/kit/green-press-kit/> and <http://www.verizonbusiness.com/solutions/green/>

Environmental Press Releases: <http://www.webwire.com/ViewPressRel.asp?aId=80318>, <http://newscenter.verizon.com/press-releases/verizon/2009/verizons-green-initiatives-1.html> , <http://newscenter.verizon.com/press-releases/verizon/2009/verizons-commitment-to.html> , <http://news.vzw.com/news/2008/07/pr2008-07-08a.html>, <http://newscenter.verizon.com/press-releases/verizon/2008/verizon-earns-energy-star.html> , and <http://newscenter.verizon.com/press-releases/verizon/2008/verizon-first-to-set-up.html>