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The Honorable Christie Todd Whitman
Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
Room 3000
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20460

Re: Sector-Wide Voluntary Climate Program

Dear Governor Whitman:

The Aluminum Association, including the participating members of the Voluntary Aluminum Industrial Partnership (VAIP) with EPA, send this letter to pledge our participation in addressing sector-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction efforts initiated with the Administration. We believe that the Administration's sector-wide program to address multiple GHG voluntary reductions has merit and is a worthy goal.

Last March, you and your agency recognized our collaborative "Voluntary Aluminum Industrial Partnership" with a Climate Protection Award for the 45 percent reduction in perfluorocarbon (PFC) emissions achieved from 1990 to 2000. Our efforts under the VAIP are continuing and we are actively working with the EPA to further perfect PFC measurements and develop more robust emission factors. Furthermore, the Association and VAIP members will be exploring additional PFC reduction commitments in meetings with EPA immediately, with the objective of concluding this important dialogue by August 1, 2003.

The aluminum industry is also working to address emissions of other GHG compounds besides PFC's. Through the International Aluminum Institute (IAI) in London, the Association is participating in the development of an aluminum industry multi-GHG inventory reporting protocol. A final draft of that protocol is now under review and is scheduled for final approval this spring. Through the protocol, the aluminum industry will compile regional and global data on multiple GHG emissions, from which we can develop reduction strategies in the most cost-effective and efficient manner. In addition, the industry has a goal of increasing the recycling content of aluminum products and materials. For example, one of our major members has a goal that by 2020, 50 percent of their

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products, except raw ingot that they would sell to others directly, will be made from recycled aluminum. We believe that our approach and goals will be compatible and complimentary to the Administration's sector-wide approach. We look forward to participating with the Administration in pursuing voluntary GHG reduction efforts.

Yours truly,

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