

**Joint Statement of Senator Herb Kohl and Senator Russell D. Feingold  
Regarding the Appearance of Wisconsin Attorney General  
Peg Lautenschlager  
Before the Democratic Policy Committee on  
Federal Enforcement of the Clean Air Act New Source Review Requirements  
February 6, 2004**

We welcome the esteemed Attorney General of the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Peg Lautenschlager. We regret that we are unable to attend this hearing, but we are delighted that she could testify before the Committee today.

Attorney General Lautenschlager is a graduate of Lake Forest College in Illinois and the University of Wisconsin Law School. Throughout her career, she has tirelessly fought for the rights of Wisconsin citizens by working for stronger consumer protections, making our streets safer from crime, and safeguarding our environment. She has served as the Winnebago County district attorney, as a member of the Wisconsin State assembly, and as the U.S. attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin. Attorney General Lautenschlager is also the first woman to serve as Wisconsin's Attorney General.

Clean air is vital to the health and well-being of Wisconsin's citizens. Under the direction of Governor Jim Doyle and Attorney General Lautenschlager, the state of Wisconsin filed a legal challenge to prevent the implementation of the Bush Administration's plan to weaken pollution control requirements for power plants and manufacturers that make major modifications to their facilities. The lawsuit is aimed at preventing the Environmental Protection Agency from weakening the New Source Review provisions of the Clean Air Act - provisions that regulate emissions of sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide, lead, carbon monoxide, volatile organic compounds and soot.

We welcome Attorney General Lautenschlager's testimony and appreciate her willingness to share her insight, expertise, and experience with the Committee.