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Dear Dr. Ramos:

It was a pleasure to meet with you and your colleagues this fall to discuss opportunities for the Society of Toxicology (SOT) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to further collaborate.

EPA relies on toxicology and toxicologists to provide the scientific underpinning for many of its efforts to protect human health and the environment. We recognize SOT's important role in advancing the science and the profession of toxicology, and we applaud SOT's commitment to enhancing human, animal, and environmental health. Given our shared mission, EPA and SOT stand to benefit from an enhanced partnership.

EPA would like to work with SOT as a leading stakeholder and resource on toxicology. We appreciate and accept your invitation for a senior-level EPA official to participate in your Annual Meeting, and to provide information about ongoing and new EPA regulatory activities.

We would be happy to notify SOT when we need input regarding EPA activities, programs, and regulations. Although we will engage multiple stakeholders when seeking advice, we value SOT's unique perspectives. EPA and SOT can also continue to exchange information about opportunities to:

- participate in EPA peer review panels;
- provide public comment on EPA assessments and proposals;
- apply for EPA fellowships, research grants, and educational grants;
- apply for EPA employment in toxicology and related scientific fields; and
- collaborate through various national and regional programs.

I have asked Dr. Hal Zenick to serve as a point of contact for EPA-SOT communications. Dr. Zenick is the Director of the National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory in EPA's Office of Research and Development, which employs a large number of SOT members. Dr. Zenick can be reached by phone at 919-541-2281 or by email at zenick.hal@epa.gov.

Thank you for your interest in working with EPA to protect public health and the environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen L. Johnson", written over a large, stylized flourish.

Stephen L. Johnson
Administrator