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### Statement of Rep. Henry A. Waxman June 23, 2004

Today, 180 members of Congress called upon Administrator Leavitt to rescue EPA's desperately troubled mercury rule. This proposed rule ignores science, technology, and law in order to side with the big polluters. EPA can and must issue a final mercury rule that does what the Clean Air Act mandates. There is absolutely no reason why we should have to wait for over a decade before large electric power plants even begin to clean up their emissions of toxic mercury. EPA must require power plants to use available pollution control technology to achieve cleaner air, cleaner water, healthier fish and wildlife, and a safe environment for our children.