



The
Climate Change Leadership Institute

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Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
Mail Code 1101A
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Washington DC 20460

Dear Administrator Jackson:

The Climate Change Leadership Institute (CCLI) is proud to honor you as the recipient of the 2012 Climate Courage Award. CCLI is a New Mexico based non-profit organization dedicated to our civil society's advancement of climate stewardship, clean energy and conservation. We annually lead direct action projects, develop educational partnerships, offer paid student internships, provide community seed grants and give out the Climate Courage Award.

The Climate Courage Award is given to a national figure (or sometimes a local leader) in government, business or civil society who makes an outstanding impact in addressing human induced climate change. CCLI is proud to award the 2012 Climate Courage Award to you for your bravery, perseverance and achievement in protecting the air we breathe, the water we drink and the climate that sustains us. Under your tenure to date as Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, in the face of extreme economic and political pressure to roll back or not enforce paramount environmental regulations that protect our public health, the EPA has stood firm for the core long term values of sustainable development and environmental stewardship. By encouraging the clean-up and capture of methane pollution in the extraction of natural gas, by upholding a plan sanctioned by 2007 Supreme Court order to regulate carbon dioxide under the Clean Air Act, by insisting that states either modernize antiquated coal power plants or transition to cleaner energy generation in order to vitally prevent ozone and other forms of air pollution and by implementing the ambitious national goal of achieving US vehicle mileage efficiency standards of 54.4mpg for all cars & light trucks by 2025, the EPA under your sound leadership is not only helping safeguard the planet but also America's competitiveness in the world. We thank you for your honorable and distinguished service helping protect our future.

The award comes with our heartfelt congratulations as well as a plaque and award funding. If you could please provide a letter – notifying us not only that you received the award but more importantly reflecting on what it means to you and indicating how you may use the award funding (including if you might support a non-profit organization that appeals to you) – we will post your response letter on our website as we have done and will do with our other annual award recipients.

We look forward to your continued leadership and working in concert for a more sustainable future.

Sincerely,

Robb Hirsch
Executive Director and Founder