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Children's
Environmental
Health Network

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Delegate James Hubbard
Maryland House of Delegates
House Office Building, Room 363
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Delegate Hubbard,

In great acknowledgement and appreciation for your many efforts to promote safe and health environments for all, the Children's Environmental Health Network (CEHN) is pleased and excited to extend this invitation for you to join us at our Fourth Annual Children's Environmental Health Advocate Reception. The CEHN Board, staff, and variety of key child health advocates would like to present you with a 2009 CEHN Child Health Advocate Award during our reception to be held Thursday November 19th at 5:30pm. The reception will be held in Washington, DC.

We have appreciated the various opportunities to work with you and your office over the years. As you know, CEHN is a national, multidisciplinary, non-profit organization whose mission is to protect the fetus and the child from environmental hazards and promote a healthy environment by focusing on the areas of research, policy, and education. CEHN was the first network of its kind in the world. For more than 17 years, as a part of CEHN's mission to promote environmental health education, CEHN has successfully assisted diverse communities and organizations in addressing environmental health concerns through effective public awareness and outreach campaigns. CEHN is internationally recognized for developing relevant and credible resources on children's environmental health, and for bringing together varied organizations with a broad range of viewpoints to protect the health of children, fostering productive relationships.

The first CEHN Child Health Advocate Award was presented to the Honorable Carol Browner in 2006. In 2007, award recipients included the Honorable John E. Porter, Dr. Lynn Goldman, and Mr. Peter Robertson. In 2008, Elizabeth Blackburn, Dr. Bill Suk, Ms. Bettina Poirier, and Mr. Greg Farmer were honored at the DC reception. In 2008, we held our first reception in New York City where Dr. Frederica Perera and Ms. Wendy Gordon were honored.

This year, we plan to honor and present awards to yourself, Mr. Bob Axelrad (EPA, Office of Child Health Protection), Ms. Peggy Shepard (Executive Director, West Harlem Environmental Action, Inc.), and to the family of the late Dr. Michael Shannon (pediatric researcher).

We would be honored if you joined us in November, and look forward to your response. Please contact our Executive Director, Nse Witherspoon, to discuss this event further at (202) 543-4033 ext. 14.

Sincerely,

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