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CLEAN AIR BILL – THE ENVIRONMENT

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, urges the passage of a Clean Air Bill. It has been more than a decade since there has been any federal legislation on the environment. The passage and implementation of a Clean Air Bill with full cooperation between the public and private sectors is long overdue.

The following areas are of particular concern:

1. The smog which is polluting our cities
2. The need for stricter fuel efficiency requirements for all new cars by the year 2000. Support for research and development for alternative means of fuel.
3. A tougher second round of vehicle emission limits after a first round scheduled for 1993.
4. Controls on sources of pollution and acid rain which cause birth defects, accumulations of toxic chemicals in lakes, and a decline in population among fish and wildlife.

We call upon Congress to ensure that a strong Clean Air Bill is passed with all possible speed.