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Susan Jenkins and Dan Cohan  
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Dear Ms. Jenkins and Mr. Cohan,

I would like to thank the Georgia EPD for taking a stand against the recently adopted EPA rules concerning mercury emissions and am in complete support of efforts to adopt stronger and more effective rules in Georgia.

As Dr. Carol Couch stated in her letter to the EPA, it is possible to reduce mercury emissions by 80% to 90% by 2013, and given the toxicity of mercury and the threat it poses to human health and the environment, it is unconscionable to settle for less.

As a person who enjoys eating fresh caught fish, I have always viewed the fish advisories in my area with consternation - wondering when government authorities will do more to protect public health than simply warning citizens to avoid consuming what would otherwise be a wholesome and nutritious food source. My father has always consumed large amounts of fish because of the purported health advantages. He recently became aware of the problem of high mercury levels in fish and decided out of curiosity to have his mercury level tested. His doctor told him that his mercury levels were above the threshold considered safe and recommended that he drastically reduce his fish consumption and limit himself to certain fish species.

As far as I'm concerned, that just isn't good enough. We know how to stop polluting our own food supply with mercury. It's time to take action and do the right thing.

Sincerely,

Karen Grainey