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Dear Mr. Passacanjando:

Kent Jeffreys, CEI's Director of Environmental Studies, informed me of your call and that you wished to receive some information about our group and its environmental work.

CEI currently focuses on reforms in three primary policy areas: financial services/banking law; common and regulatory law governing economic behavior and individual liberty in which property rights and/or contractual risk acceptance are at stake; and, as you already know, environmental policy.

A prominent guiding principle in all of our work is to empower individuals instead of governments. CEI is strongly committed to promoting a particular vision of what a "good and just society" would look like. CEI believes that individuals should be free to make their own choices and be held responsible for those choices. Paying for mistakes and reaping rewards for successes are necessary parts of meaningful individual responsibility. Freedom, though, is paramount -- responsibility is a necessary but nonetheless insufficient element of true liberty. Insofar as the freedom to act is restricted then to that degree responsibility is eliminated -- government often takes responsibilities from people and freedom as a result. Government, then, tends to increase its own burden of responsibility.

The analysts at CEI have documented voluminous evidence that government indeed bears considerable responsibility for much of what is perceived as "wrong" in our society. Yet government seems at least only modestly eager to accept these responsibilities -- and even when it does, individuals pay for its mistaken "choices". This is also something CEI is working to make known.

I've enclosed merely a sampling of CEI's work; I trust the enclosed will provide you an informative and interesting overview to our various projects. Please let Kent or me know if there might be something of interest to the Foundation. I would be happy to send further information if you wish.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ike C. Sugg', is written over the typed name.

Ike C. Sugg  
Director of Development