



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

March 30, 2009

Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to welcome everyone to the Columbia Center for Children's Environmental Health's conference and forum, "Translating Science to Policy: Protecting Children's Environmental Health."

Since its inception in 1998, CCCEH has been devoted to discovering new ways to improve the respiratory health and cognitive development of children at risk because of environmental pollutants. Through extensive research and cutting-edge methods, the Center has proven the importance of monitoring external conditions to ensure a healthier generation of New Yorkers, and it is committed to bringing its findings to the forefront of public policy initiatives. Today's event is a terrific opportunity for leaders in this field to gather and discuss progress being made as well as develop strategies to further the mission of this organization.

The Center's work is also a vital partner in *PlaNYC*—our vision for a greener, greater New York. CCCEH findings have inspired numerous initiatives that benefit all New Yorkers. Its air quality and asthma symptom work encouraged our Administration's ongoing commitment to reducing traffic and other airborne contaminants throughout the five boroughs. In addition, research about the exposure of pregnant women and newborns to pesticides motivated Local Law 37—putting New York at the forefront of safer pest control methods in the United States.

On behalf of the City of New York, I commend the Columbia Center for Children's Environmental Health for their ongoing efforts to protect our City's youth from harmful pollutants. Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable and productive conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Bloomberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Michael R. Bloomberg  
Mayor