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Dear Dr. Runge,

Please use your influence to urge the auto industry to use the currently available technology in order to make SUVs both safer and gas efficient. According to the Union of Concerned Scientists they have a blueprint making this possible, and the slight (relative) extra cost would be more than compensated for by the savings in gas consumption. I hope you also encourage legislation to require better gas mileage on all cars. If Toyota now has the Prius with its sensational gas mileage, I hope American car makers don't once again lose out. But it need government leadership.

Sincerely,
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