To the CAR workgroup of the US ODS Project Protocol

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US ODS project protocol

Dear CAR workgroup,

First of all, we would like to compliment you on such a well elaborated protocol. It should deliver a promising basis for the US’ activities in climate politics and we hope that it will become a great success in environmental politics worldwide. Our organization is very much involved in the topic of ODS destruction as we have defined the "Swiss Charter", a framework for climate protection through recycling. Our mother organization SENS has been working with the subject of refrigerator recycling for nearly 20 years now and has a consulting role in EU policy making in the same topic. Thus, we share your interest for the importance of this matter on a global level.

Regarding the eligibility criteria on your draft, we have yet noticed much to our regret that you only take ODS into consideration which are destroyed inside the US and its territories. To our opinion, this does not comply with the idea that GHG emissions and reductions are worldwide phenomena and cannot be narrowed down. This is why we think that regulations should generally be applicable on a global level as well.

With best wishes for a successful workshop in Washington,

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