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My concern for children and the children's well-being also extends into environmental matters, specifically as they impact children's health. For instance, I serve as vice-chairman for a national group called Children's Environmental Health Network, a group that identifies environmental factors that inordinately impact children (such as lead, mercury, asthma, and endocrine disruptors) and seeks to draft appropriate preventative legislation and rules to protect them.

Recently, we worked with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to adopt more protective environmental standards and policies, specifically those dealing with air and/or water pollution and dangerous levels of chemical exposures. Because of our efforts, we were able to get a [Presidential Executive Order](#) from the White House creating an Office of Children's Health Protection within the EPA at the national level.

I also served as Chairman of the Florida Environmental Regulatory Commission (ERC) from 1991 to 1997. In that role, working with other members of the commission, we adopted more stringent rules protective of the environment, specifically those dealing with water and air quality that effect everyone's health and well-being. The ERC also adopted rules and standards dealing with landfill designs and wetlands protection, among others. One of the most important rules we put in place was to regulate the mercury content in the Florida Everglades, protecting the fragile environment from excess damage.

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