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Dear Administrator Zeldin,

On behalf of our millions of members across the country we stand opposed to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s proposal to repeal 2024 power plant carbon pollution standards, which limit carbon pollution from existing coal-fired and new gas-fired power plants.

The proposed rule ignores science and conflicts with the very core of the EPA's mission to protect public health and the environment. This proposed rule will have disastrous impacts on the climate and our health. These impacts will be especially pronounced in the communities located near power plants, which are disproportionately [communities of color and low income communities](#).

The 2024 standards would help reduce carbon pollution and slow climate change. The EPA's regulatory analysis [found that the final standard](#), together with the Inflation Reduction Act, would reduce carbon pollution from the power sector – which is responsible for [25% of total US greenhouse gas pollution](#) — by more than 75% below 2005 levels by 2035. In addition to large reductions in carbon pollution, it would also reduce nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, and fine particulate matter, which are all [significant contributors](#) to poor air quality and premature death.

Preventing carbon pollution is a critical step in slowing climate disasters and protecting our communities. Extreme weather is becoming more [frequent](#), intense, and [costlier](#). 2024 was the nation's [warmest year on record](#) and there were [27 extreme weather events](#) that each cost at least \$1 billion in damages. Over 560 people lost their lives.

Allowing for continued carbon pollution fuels these disasters and the destruction of our communities; it is also incredibly expensive. The EPA [estimated](#) that from 2024 to 2047 the power plant carbon pollution standards would have a \$270 billion dollar climate benefit, which would be stripped away should this rule be repealed.

Repealing the 2024 standard also harms the health of people across the nation. Pollution from power plants has negative impacts on air quality and respiratory health. In 2035 alone, the [health benefits](#) that would result from the reductions associated with the 2024 rule includes avoiding approximately 1,200 premature deaths; 870 hospital and emergency room visits; 1,900 cases of asthma onset; 360,000 cases of asthma symptoms; 48,000 school absence days; and 57,000 days of lost work. These health benefits also correlate to a [significant cost benefit](#). From 2024 to 2047, it is estimated that the health benefits alone would total \$120 billion, or \$6.3 billion in a single year.

The proposal to repeal the carbon pollution standards will fuel the devastating impact of climate change, while simultaneously harming public health and the economy. Our communities deserve stronger climate safeguards, not a rollback that only benefits polluters. We will do

everything in our power to fight this harmful rollback and protect our communities, climate, and health.

Sincerely,

350 Bay Area Action  
Accelerate Neighborhood Climate Action  
AFGE Local 704  
Agave Community Threads  
Allegheny County Clean Air Now (ACCAN)  
Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments  
Anabaptist Climate Collaborative  
Appalachian Voices  
Arizona Forward  
Arizona Health Professionals for Climate Action  
Arizona Interfaith Power & Light  
Arizona Sustainability Alliance  
Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America - Michigan Chapter  
Between the Waters  
BLKHLTH  
Blue Future  
California Communities Against Toxics  
Center for Coalfield Justice  
Center for Earth Energy & Democracy (CEED)  
Change the Chamber  
Chesapeake Climate Action Network  
Chesapeake Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Church Women United in New York State  
Clean Air Council  
Clean Energy Action  
Clean Water Action  
Climate + Energy Project  
Climate Action Campaign  
Climate Generation  
Climate Hawks Vote  
Climate Power  
Climate Reality Project - Northern Colorado Chapter  
ClimateVoice, a Project of Tides Center  
Concerned Citizens of Cook County  
Couillard Solar Foundation  
Dayenu: A Jewish Call to Climate Action  
Deep South Center for Environmental Justice  
Detroit Green Skills Alliance  
Earthjustice

Elders Climate Action  
Elders Climate Action - Massachusetts Chapter  
Elders Climate Action (ECA) Arizona Chapter  
Elders Climate Action (ECA) Northern California (NorCal) Chapter  
Elders Climate Action (ECA) Southern California (SoCal) Chapter  
Elders Climate Action Colorado Chapter  
Elders Climate Action Maryland Chapter  
Elders Climate Action Twin Cities  
Elected Officials to Protect America  
Electrify Now  
Energy Alliance Group  
Environmental Defense Fund  
Environmental Integrity Project  
Evergreen Action  
Fourth Branch Action  
FreshWater Accountability Project  
Georgia Conservation Voters  
Girl Plus Environment  
Great Lakes Business Network  
Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Green the Church  
Greenpeace USA  
Group Against Smog & Pollution  
Hip Hop Caucus  
IncludUS Fund - El Verde Es Vida  
Jewish Earth Alliance- PA  
Just Transition Northwest Indiana  
League of Conservation Voters  
Medical Students For a Sustainable Future  
Michigan Clinicians for Climate Action  
Michigan Interfaith Power & Light  
Michigan Sustainable Business Forum  
Mid-Ohio Valley Climate Action  
Moms Clean Air Force  
Moms Clean Air Force AZ  
Moms Clean Air Force Georgia  
Moms Clean Air Force Michigan  
Moms Clean Air Force Pennsylvania  
Montana Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate  
NAACP Greater Grand Rapids  
National Wildlife Federation  
Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)  
Nevada Conservation League  
Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition

Our Climate Alliance  
Partnership for Policy Integrity  
PennFuture  
Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Physicians for Social Responsibility Colorado  
Physicians for Social Responsibility PA  
Poder Latinx  
Prairie Rivers Network  
Protect Franklin Park  
Respiratory Health Association  
San Francisco Bay Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Sierra Club  
Sierra Club Pennsylvania Chapter  
Southern Alliance for Clean Energy  
Students for Clean Energy  
Sustainable Mill Valley  
The People's Justice Council  
Union of Concerned Scientists  
Vermont Climate and Health Alliance  
Virginia Chapter Elders Climate Action  
Wildlife for All  
Young, Gifted & Green