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December 6, 2010

The United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator/Representative,

Representing public health and medical professionals and other clean air advocates, we stand united in calling on you to uphold the Clean Air Act and to reject any measure that would block or delay the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency from doing its job to protect all Americans from life-threatening air pollution.

Forty years ago, Congressional leaders from both parties wrote and passed the Clean Air Act. This law directed the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to protect public health and the environment. Since then this wise congressional legacy has saved lives and improved the quality of life for millions of Americans.

But the job is not yet done. Far too many of our communities still suffer from poor air quality. Too many families, particularly those of lower income, face the impacts of toxic air pollution every day. And far too many of our nation's children, elderly, and people with asthma, cardiovascular and lung diseases and diabetes live under added threats to their health from breathing polluted air and the impacts of global warming.

Over the coming years the EPA will be fulfilling its duty to reduce the smog and soot pollution, air toxics, and global warming pollution that are the cause of these public health threats. We urge you to fully support the EPA in fulfilling this responsibility. Doing so is quite literally a matter of life and death for tens of thousands of people and will mean the difference between chronic debilitating illness or a healthy life for hundreds of thousands more.

Once again, we urge you to support moving forward with protective clean air standards and to oppose any measure that would delay or block progress toward a healthier tomorrow for all Americans.

Sincerely,

National Organizations

American Academy of Pediatrics
American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation
American College of Preventive Medicine
American Heart Association
American Lung Association
American Public Health Association
American Thoracic Society
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
Breakthrough Technologies Institute, Inc.
Center for Biological Diversity
Ceres
Children's Environmental Health Network
Clean Air Task Force
Clean Air Watch
Clean Water Action
Climate Protection Action Fund
Community Action Partnership
Defenders of Wildlife
Democracia Inc.
Earthjustice
Environment America
Environmental and Energy Study Institute
Environmental Defense Fund
Environmental Integrity Project
Friends Committee on National Legislation
Green For All
Greenpeace USA

Health Occupations Students of America
Institute for Energy and Environmental Research
Interfaith Power & Light
League of Conservation Voters
League of Women Voters of the United States
National Association for Medical Direction of Respiratory Care
National Association of County and City Health Officials
National Audubon Society
National Center for Bicycling & Walking
National Environmental Health Association
National Home Oxygen Patients Association
National Latino Coalition on Climate Change (NLCCC)
National Parks Conservation Association
National Physicians Alliance
National Wildlife Federation
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Prevention Institute
Public Citizen
Public Health Institute
Renewing the Countryside
Safe Climate Campaign
Sierra Club
Trust for America's Health
Union of Concerned Scientists
Voces Verdes
World Wildlife Fund

Alabama

American Lung Association in Alabama
Cahaba Riverkeeper
Conservation Alabama
GASP
GreenCityBlueLake Institute

Alaska

American Lung Association in Alaska

Arizona

American Lung Association in Arizona
Environment Arizona

Arkansas

American Lung Association in Arkansas

California

American Lung Association in California
Breathe California
California Academy of Family Physicians
California Public Health Association-North
Catholic Healthcare West
CEERT
Citizen's Coalition for a Safe Community
Coalition for Clean Air
East Yard Communities for Environmental
Justice
Energy Independence Now
Environment California
Families for Clean Air
KyotoUSA
Napa County Asthma Coalition
Physicians for Social Responsibility, SF-Bay
Area Chapter
Physicians for Social
Responsibility/Sacramento
Regional Asthma Management and
Prevention
Rose Foundation for Communities & the
Environment
San Diego Regional Asthma Coalition
Siskiyou County Public Health Dept.
The Center for Energy Efficiency and
Renewable Technologies
TURN-The Utility Reform Network

Colorado

American Lung Association in Colorado
Colorado Environmental Coalition
Western Organization of Resource Councils
Wilderness Workshop

Connecticut

American Lung Association in Connecticut
Conservation Law Foundation
Environment Connecticut

Delaware

American Lung Association in Delaware

District of Columbia

American Lung Association in the District
of Columbia
GREEN DMV

Florida

American Lung Association in Florida
Common Ground for Conservation
Environment Florida
Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
Southern Energy Network

Georgia

American Lung Association in Georgia
Mothers & Others for Clean Air
Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
Southern Energy Network

Hawaii

American Lung Association in Hawaii

Idaho

American Lung Association in Idaho
Western Organization of Resource Councils

Illinois

American Bottom Conservancy
American Lung Association in Illinois
Citizens Against Ruining the Environment
Eco-Justice Collaborative
Environment Illinois

Protestants for the Common Good
Respiratory Health Association of
Metropolitan Chicago

Indiana

American Lung Association in Indiana
Valley Watch, Inc.

Iowa

American Lung Association in Iowa
Environment Iowa

Kansas

American Lung Association in Kansas
Great Plains Alliance for Clean Energy

Kentucky

American Lung Association in Kentucky

Louisiana

American Lung Association in Louisiana
Louisiana Bucket Brigade

Maine

American Lung Association in Maine
Conservation Law Foundation
ENE (Environment Northeast)
Environment Maine
Frannie Peabody Center
Maine Council of Churches
Maine Migrant Health Program
Maine Osteopathic Association
Portland Public Health Division
The Maine League of Young Voters
Toxics Action Center

Maryland

American Lung Association in Maryland
Environment Maryland

Massachusetts

American Lung Association in
Massachusetts
Conservation Law Foundation
Environment Massachusetts
Toxics Action Center Campaigns

Michigan

American Lung Association of Michigan
Environment Michigan
Great Lakes Environmental Law Center

Minnesota

Alliance for Sustainability
American Lung Association in Minnesota
Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis
Clean Up the River Environment (CURE)
Duluth Audubon Society
Environment Minnesota
Fresh Energy
Institute for Energy and Environmental
Research
Institute for Local Self-Reliance
Izaak Walton League of America -
Minnesota Division
League of Women Voters - Minnesota
League of Women Voters - Red River Valley
Chapter
Mankato Area Environmentalists
Minnesota Center for Environmental
Advocacy
Minnesota Conservation Federation
Minnesota Ornithologists' Union
Minnesota Renewable Energy Society
Minnesota State University Student Wildlife
Society
Neighbors Against the Burner
Sierra Club North Star Chapter
Sierra Club, Red River Valley Chapter
Southeastern Minnesotans for
Environmental Protection
St. Paul Audubon Society
Student Environmental Alliance - Concordia
College
Take Back the Air
Transit for Livable Communities
Will Steger Foundation
Windustry
Women's Environmental Institute

Mississippi

American Lung Association in Mississippi

Missouri

American Lung Association in Missouri
Environment Missouri

Montana

American Lung Association in Montana
Climate Solutions
Western Organization of Resource Councils

Nebraska

American Lung Association in Nebraska

Nevada

American Lung Association in Nevada
Environment Nevada
Nevada Conservation League

New Hampshire

American Lung Association in New
Hampshire
Conservation Law Foundation
Toxics Action Center

New Jersey

American Lung Association in New Jersey
Environment New Jersey

New Mexico

American Lung Association in New Mexico
Environment New Mexico
WildEarth Guardians

New York

American Lung Association in New York
Citizens' Environmental Coalition
New York Public Interest Research Group
(NYPIRG)
Renewable Energy Long Island

North Carolina

American Lung Association in North
Carolina
Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League

Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation
Charlotte Energy Solutions
Clean Air Carolina
Mecklenburg County Medical Society
Media Savvy Marketing, Inc
NC Waste Awareness & Reduction Network
North Carolina Interfaith Power and Light
North Carolina Pediatric Society
Pitt County Memorial Hospital
Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
Southern Energy Network
The Canary Coalition
Western North Carolina Alliance

North Dakota

American Lung Association in North Dakota
Dakota Resource Council
Grand Forks County Citizen Coalition
Institute for Complementary & Alternative
Medicine
Sisters of the Presentation, Fargo
South Agassiz Resource Council
Western Organization of Resource Councils

Ohio

All Aboard Ohio
American Lung Association in Ohio
Buckeye Forest Council
Earth Day Coalition
Environment Ohio
Heights Community Congress
New Agrarian Center
Ohio Asthma Coalition
Ohio Environmental Council
Ohio Society for Respiratory Care

Oklahoma

American Lung Association in Oklahoma

Oregon

American Lung Association in Oregon
Climate Solutions
Environment Oregon
Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility
Oregon Environmental Council
Western Organization of Resource Councils

Pennsylvania

American Lung Association in Pennsylvania
Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future
(PennFuture)
Clean Air Council
Group Against Smog & Pollution
PennEnvironment
PrePEAR
Students for Environmental Action
The Center for the Celebration of Creation

Rhode Island

American Lung Association in Rhode Island
Conservation Law Foundation
Environment Rhode Island
People's Power & Light

South Carolina

American Lung Association in South Carolina
Coastal Conservation League
New Rosemont Homeowners Association
Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
The New Rosemont Homeowners Association
Southern Energy Network

South Dakota

American Lung Association in South Dakota
Dakota Resource Council
Western Organization of Resource Councils

Tennessee

American Lung Association in Tennessee
Southern Alliance for Clean Energy

Texas

Air Alliance Houston
American Lung Association in Texas
Argyle-Bartonville Communities Alliance
Dallas Downriver Club
Downwinders at Risk

Environment Texas
Flower Mound Defense Fund
Old Town Neighborhood Association

Utah

American Lung Association in Utah
Breathe Utah
Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment
Wasatch Clean Air Coalition

Vermont

American Lung Association in Vermont
Conservation Law Foundation
Idle-Free VT Inc.

Virginia

American Lung Association in Virginia
Environment Virginia
Virginia League of Conservation Voters

Washington

American Lung Association in Washington
Climate Solutions
Earth Ministry/Washington Interfaith Power & Light
Environment Washington

West Virginia

American Lung Association in West Virginia

Wisconsin

American Lung Association in Wisconsin
Milwaukee Latino Health Coalition
Wisconsin Asthma Coalition
Wisconsin Environment

Wyoming

American Lung Association in Wyoming
Western Organization of Resource Councils
Wyoming Conservation Voters
Wyoming Outdoor Council