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LCV on EPA Endangerment Finding: Critical Step Towards Tackling Climate Change

WASHINGTON - Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson today officially announced that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases pose a danger to public health and welfare. The EPA also found that greenhouse gas emissions from on-road vehicles contribute to that threat.

LCV President Gene Karpinski released the following statement in response to the EPA announcement:

“We applaud the EPA on this critical step towards tackling climate change and its recognition of the urgency for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This important finding and the administration’s acceptance of the clear science behind global warming adds momentum for clean energy reform that will create jobs, reduce pollution and provide greater security.

“Today’s announcement further emphasizes the need for comprehensive clean energy and climate legislation. We know that a cap on carbon makes good economic sense but the threat to public health posed by carbon pollution makes addressing climate change non-negotiable.”

“The EPA’s declaration sends an important signal to the world that the U.S. recognizes the dangers of carbon pollution as international climate negotiations get under way.”

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