

## **Protect the Clean Air Act in Congressional Spending Bills**

**In February, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a funding bill, or Continuing Resolution, that puts the health of millions of Americans at risk while doing nothing to create jobs or grow the economy.** Adding insult to injury, they also voted to continue government handouts to wealthy corporate polluters, a move that will cost American taxpayers billions of dollars.

The House bill makes drastic cuts to the EPA's budget, severely limiting the agency's ability to protect the health and safety of Americans. And amendments that were added during floor debate will block the EPA from protecting communities from mercury, arsenic, carbon and other air pollution, leaving thousands of children exposed and at risk of slowed brain development and asthma. Thankfully the Senate voted down this harmful bill. Right now Congress is negotiating the bill that will continue to fund the government. **Contact your Senators today and tell them to pass a clean bill that allows the EPA to do its job reducing harmful pollution and protects our health not corporate polluters.**

**Call or Email your Senators Today and Tell Them to Stop Cuts to the EPA's Authority and Budget!**

Sample Email:

Dear Senator,

In February, the U.S. House of Representatives kicked American families while they're down. By passing their funding bill, members of the House put the health of millions of Americans at risk while doing nothing to create jobs or grow the economy. Adding insult to injury, they also voted to continue government handouts to wealthy corporate polluters, a move that would cost American taxpayers billions of dollars.

The House funding bill took square aim at the EPA, slashing its budget by one third and passing amendments to severely limit the agency's ability to protect the health and safety of Americans. For example, the bill blocks the EPA from protecting communities from mercury, arsenic

carbon dioxide and other air pollution, currently being spewed into our air. Overturning these safeguards will cost lives and cause more Americans to suffer illness and disease. For example, cleaning up cement kiln pollution alone would save 2,500 lives each year.

I am glad the Senate voted down this harmful bill and I urge you to work with your colleagues to pass a clean bill that does not restrict the EPA's ability to protect our health.

Sincerely,

Name

Address