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Subject Line Suggestions:

Obama: Tear Down that Smog

Sucking up air pollution

Tell Obama to Clean Our Air

If you live in America, there is a 50% chance that your air is not safe to breathe - thanks to the dangerous levels of air pollution that we know of as smog (<http://www.stateoftheair.org/2011/key-findings/>).

And smog does more than cloud your skyline – it irritates your lungs, triggers asthma attacks, increases emergency room visits and can lead to irreversible lung damage or even death (<http://www.stateoftheair.org/2011/health-risks/health-risks-ozone.html>).

There is no doubt that smog is a nasty, pernicious pollutant – but we have the technology to clean up our air and the opportunity- the EPA is now considering a new smog standard that will better protect people’s health.

Send a quick message to the Obama administration to tell them to protect our air and stand up against air pollution!

The Clean Air Act requires the Environmental Protection Agency to periodically review the evidence and set air quality standards that will protect people’s health. Based on the unanimous recommendation of the members of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee, the EPA will likely set a new smog standard this July.

But it’s the same old story - the oil, coal and other polluting industries are pressuring the Obama administration to delay setting a new standard or to issue a weak standard so that they can continue to pollute our air and make us sick.

The American Petroleum Institute has been fighting the smog standards before the studies were even out (http://energytomorrow.org/search?q=ozone&tbweSearch_ClientState=).

Polluters can roll out all the confusing charts, well-heeled lobbyists, and shiny ads they want. **But it comes down to a simple question – do you want clean air or not? Working together, we can beat back polluters and embolden the Obama administration to protect the clean air Americans deserve.**

Take a minute to send a message to President Obama and let him know we all need clean air to breathe.

Clean air means a healthy economy. The Clean Air Act’s benefits – saving lives and preventing illness – have vastly exceeded the costs of cleaning up air pollution

<http://www.epa.gov/air/sect812/prospective2.html> . Let President Obama know that you want him to set a new smog standard that will protect your health.

Message to Obama:

Dear President Obama,

I urge you to set a new standard for smog pollution that will protect the health of all Americans.

Smog pollution threatens the health of too many Americans by triggering asthma attacks, reducing lung function – and even causing premature deaths. Do not allow polluting industries to pressure the EPA to delay or water down standards needed to protect people’s health from dirty air. I support the EPA’s efforts to modernize the current smog standard.

Independent scientists advising the EPA unanimously recommended a more stringent standard to protect people from smog. Please set a new standard at the lower end of the range that the scientific advisory committee recommended. Our lives and health are more important than polluting industries’ profits.

Sincerely,