

Sample Action Alert
Dirty Air Bills

Background:

Congress hasn't been back for a month and we have already seen a slew of attacks on clean air. Senators and Representatives have introduced a barrage of bills that would rollback urgent updates to Clean Air Act safeguards. These safeguards are already saving lives and improving the health of millions of Americans. Congress must not issue a stop work order to halt EPA's work in its tracks. But a handful of Congressmen backed by big polluters, including Representatives Upton (R-MI), Carter (R-TX), Senators Inhofe (R-OK), Barrasso (R-WY) and Rockefeller (D-WV), have introduced a series of plans that would put our children at risk.

These bad air bills would allow corporate polluters to continue to spew unlimited amounts of carbon and other pollution into our air. Legislation like this puts the interests of America's biggest and dirtiest polluters ahead of the health of America's kids and families. Send a message to your Congressman; let him/her know we need to hold big polluters accountable and not allow them to block strong safeguards that would protect our children and quality of life.

What to do:

It's time to hold corporate polluters accountable for their actions. Call your Congressman TODAY and tell them to OPPOSE rollbacks to the Clean Air Act!

OR

Send a letter to your Congressmen and urge them to vote against any action that would block or repeal the EPA's ability to continue to regulate the nation's biggest polluters.

Sample Letter:

Dear Senator/Representative,

I urge you to oppose any "dirty air act" that would roll back the Clean Air Act's safeguards, allowing corporate polluters to continue to spew unlimited amounts of dangerous pollution into our air. For four decades, the Environmental Protection Agency has used the Clean Air Act to protect the health of millions of Americans – including our children, our seniors, and the most vulnerable among us – from dozens of dangerous air pollutants.

Please do not allow corporate polluters to block strong safeguards that would protect our health and quality of life. We need solutions to the air pollution problems facing this country, not steps backward. It makes no sense to issue a stop work order halting the EPA's efforts to clean up life-threatening pollution like mercury, carbon dioxide, ozone and soot. Again, I urge you to oppose any legislation that would block action to clean up our air and protect our children.

Sincerely,