

Senate “Dirty Air Amendments” Accountability

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Please take this opportunity to thank your Senator for standing up for the health of the nation, including children with asthma, and for challenging the agenda of big polluters. (See sample letter on page 2)

Or

Please take this opportunity to express your disappointment with your Senator’s vote to put the agenda of big polluters ahead of the health of the nation and children with asthma. (See sample letter on page 3)

Be heard; let your Senators know you noticed where they stand with big polluters! Click on the amendments below to see how your Senators voted.

[McConnell \(R-KY\) Amendment #183](#): Would have allowed unlimited carbon pollution and would have increased our dependence on foreign oil. **[THE VOTE COUNT: 50- 50](#)**

[Rockefeller \(D-WV\) Amendment #215](#): Would have allowed unlimited carbon pollution from big polluters for at least two years, would have stopped the clean-up in progress, and would have set the stage for permanently allowing unlimited pollution from these sources. **[THE VOTE COUNT: 88-12](#)**

[Stabenow \(D-MI\)/Brown \(D-OH\) Amendment #277](#): Would have let polluters off the hook by blocking enforcement of carbon pollution safeguards for two years, would have stopped the clean-up in progress, and like Rockefeller would have paved the way for providing a permanent free-pass to polluters. The amendment would have also permanently prevented the EPA from considering emissions resulting from land use changes. **[THE VOTE COUNT: 93-7](#)**

[Baucus \(D-MT\) Amendment #236](#): Would have allowed large emission sources to be built or modified with no requirement to limit their carbon pollution. Like the Stabenow amendment, the Baucus amendment would also have prevented the EPA from considering emissions resulting from land use changes. **[THE VOTE COUNT: 93-7](#)**

Scroll down for sample letters.

Thank your senator for standing up for health and environmental protections

Two weeks ago the Senate defeated a suite of dirty air deals that would have prevented the Environmental Protection Agency from taking action to reduce carbon pollution. Your senator did the right thing and voted against all four separate dirty air proposals that would have permanently blocked or delayed the EPA from protecting our health.

Last week the National Association of School Nurses and other health groups released a report on asthma prevalence in all 50 states, and warned that congressional action to stop the EPA from doing its job would make our nation's asthma epidemic worse. So your senator's willingness to stand up for clean air and against polluters really made a difference.

Please take this opportunity to thank your senator for standing up for the health of the nation, including children with asthma, and for challenging the agenda of big polluters.

What to do:

Send a message thanking your senator for voting to protect our health and environment.

Sample letter:

Subject: Thank you for voting No on bills to block the EPA from reducing air pollution

Dear *Senator* ,

Thank you for voting for clean air and my health by opposing the dirty air deals in the small business bill last week. The amendments that you voted against would have put our health, prosperity and national security at risk by thwarting the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to address life-threatening carbon dioxide and other pollution. By voting against these measures, you have demonstrated that you care about the health of our children and the future of our air.

The Senate should not stand in the way of the EPA doing its job of controlling dangerous pollution. Please continue to stand up for clean air and the health of our families rather than supporting the agendas of corporate polluters that want to block the EPA's efforts to make our air healthier for everyone to breathe.

Sincerely,

[Your name and address]

Your senator is standing with polluters instead of for public health

Two weeks ago the Senate defeated a suite of dirty air deals that would have prevented the Environmental Protection Agency's from taking action to reduce carbon pollution. But your senator voted to pass these dangerous proposals, putting the interests of corporate polluters before the health of the American public.

Last week the National Association of School Nurses and other health groups released a report on asthma prevalence in all 50 states, and warned that congressional action to stop the EPA from doing its job would make our nation's asthma epidemic worse.

Please take this opportunity to express your disappointment with your senator's vote to put the agenda of big polluters ahead of the health of the nation and children with asthma.

What to do:

Send a message telling your senator that you are disappointed with his/her votes on the dirty air amendments to the small business bill and in the future you expect him/her to stand with the people, not polluters.

Sample letter:

Subject: Shame on you for voting for more dangerous carbon pollution

Dear *Senator*,

I am extremely disappointed by your vote to thwart the EPA's ability to control carbon pollution. Plain and simple, blocking the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to address life-threatening carbon dioxide and other pollution would put our health at risk. By voting for dirty air amendments to the small business bill last week, you voted for more air pollution that harms public health.

Your votes put you squarely opposite to public opinion. Poll after poll has shown that Americans strongly support the EPA's role of protecting public health from pollution and want Congress to let the EPA do its job.

These were votes against public health and public opinion. I hope you will not repeat this mistake if other measures to block the Clean Air Act come before the Senate.

Sincerely,
[Your name and address]