

Sample Action Alert (from NRDC):

Background:

Since Congress returned last month, the Republican controlled House has been looking for ways to block urgently needed updates to the Clean Air Act. And last Friday they unveiled a spending bill that, among other egregious provisions, rolls back and defunds programs that control life threatening pollution. The safeguards they have targeted are already saving lives and improving the health of millions of Americans. Congressman backed by big polluters should not get to decide the fate of our health and now is not the time to rollback protections what would put our children at risk.

This spending bill is a giant stop-work order for the EPA and would stop in its tracks work to keep big polluters from spewing unlimited amounts of life-threatening carbon dioxide from power plants, refineries and other large sources. 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, we need to clean up our air with strong safeguards that 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 through spending bills!

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 Representative,

I urge you to oppose spending bill H.R. 1 introduced last Friday. I care about how my tax dollars are spent and support smart spending choices. But dirty air, dirty water, and gutting investments in clean energy will not balance the nation's checkbook.

I am particularly opposed to the bill's rollback of Clean Air Act's safeguards that would allow unlimited emissions of life-threatening carbon dioxide from power plants, refineries and other large sources and stifle investments in job-producing clean energy.

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. This sneak attack in the budget bill would undo those protections and needlessly put the health of Americans at risk.

We need solutions to the air pollution problems facing this country, not steps backward. EPA's efforts to clean up life-threatening pollution like mercury, carbon dioxide, ozone and soot will save thousands

of lives and improve the quality of life for millions more. Again, I urge you to oppose any legislation that would block or prevent action to clean up our air and protect our children.

Sincerely,