

Action Alert: Tell Congress to Let EPA Do Its Job and Protect Public Health

Background:

Representative Fred Upton (R-MI), Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, introduced a bill that would permanently block the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from limiting dangerous carbon pollution.

This Dirty Air Act is moving through the House legislative process quickly-- in part because the sponsors want to hide the devastating health impacts. Just this past week, the bill was passed out of the Energy and Commerce Committee and now it will move to the House floor, where it will likely be loaded down by amendments that will further compromise the air we breathe.

Meanwhile, a handful of Senators are responsible for a sneak attack on the Clean Air Act. Minority Leader McConnell (R-KY) has proposed amending a small business bill with Upton's Dirty Air Act, as introduced by Senator Inhofe (R-OK). Like the House bill, his amendment would permanently repeal the Clean Air Act's authority to set limits on carbon pollution. Senator Rockefeller (D-WV) has an amendment that would delay the EPA's ability to control green house gases. As history has shown, delays like these are often impossible to repeal.

We all rely on the Environmental Protection Agency to protect our public health by regulating the nation's biggest polluters. Send a message urging your Senators and Representative to vote against these attacks on the Clean Air Act, or any measure that would block EPA's ability to clean up our air.

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Sample Text:

Dear Representative XX,

I urge you to oppose Chairman Upton's Dirty Air Act (H.R. 910). This bill puts the health, prosperity, and national security at risk by gutting the Clean Air Act and dismantling the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to address life-threatening carbon dioxide and other pollution.

For four decades, the EPA 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 all kinds of dangerous air pollutants. Congress should not stand in the way of the EPA doing its job of controlling this pollution. Please stand up for clean air and the health of our families rather than support the agendas of polluters who want to prevent the EPA's efforts to reduce life-threatening pollution.

Dear Senator XX,

I urge you to oppose Senator McConnell's amendment to the SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act of 2011. This amendment puts the health, prosperity, and national security at risk by gutting the Clean Air Act and dismantling the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to address life-threatening carbon dioxide and other pollution. I also urge you to oppose Senator Rockefeller's proposed amendment, which would needlessly delay the EPA's ability to regulate carbon pollution from the largest sources or any other measure that would block EPA's ability to reduce pollution.

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