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Good morning –

Following up with another letter urging the swift finalization of key clean air protections, this one coming from individuals – including health professionals – nationwide who support strong clean air rules.

Thanks again. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Happy holidays,
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Subject: New Letter from 16 Health Groups on Clean Air Regs

Hello –

Please see the attached letter from 16 national health, medical and nursing organizations urging EPA to swiftly finalize strong clean air protections.

Thanks for your attention. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Take care,
Liz

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December 18, 2023

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are parents, seniors, health professionals, and families living in communities across America, all concerned about air pollution in our neighborhoods and the impacts of climate change. We support strong final rules to secure clean air and improve health. **We call on you: Don't delay, clean air today!**

We are extremely grateful to you for the work you have done since 2021 to tackle the climate crisis and clean up our air, including:

- Finalizing strong new protections to clean up methane and other air pollutants from the oil and gas industry. These new standards are a major climate victory and a huge step forward for public health, especially for people living near oil and gas wells.
- Passing the largest-ever climate and clean energy investments in the historic Inflation Reduction Act
- Promising to ensure needed climate and clean energy policies to advance environmental justice and serve communities of color through the Justice40 initiative
- Finalizing stronger limits on harmful nitrogen oxides from trucks
- Working to set even stronger limits on emissions from cars and trucks
- Working to set stronger standards for dangerous pollution like mercury, methane, particulate matter, also known as soot, and other power plant pollution
- Taking the initial steps to slash carbon pollution from new and existing power plants.

However, we know we have just a short window of time to finalize these important protections.

The impact of air and climate pollution on our health is clear. Children, individuals who are pregnant, older adults, and people with heart and lung disease are more susceptible to air and climate pollution and need you to act to protect the health and safety of our families.

We urge you to quickly finalize the following key air pollution and climate change measures:

- Much stronger National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter
- Stronger greenhouse gas standards for heavy-duty vehicles

- Stronger multi-pollutant standards for light-duty vehicles
- Stronger limits on mercury and air toxics from power plants
- Limits on carbon pollution from new and existing power plants
- Decisions to allow California waivers for its own, stronger cleaner vehicles programs

We also urge you to move swiftly in your review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone. Stronger ozone standards are urgently needed for health too.

As President of the United States and Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), you both have vast responsibility and authority to protect our health.

Our health – and our climate – can't wait! It's time to act boldly and swiftly to finalize and implement the strongest possible pollution standards by April 2024 to meet your climate, public health and environmental justice goals.

Don't delay, clean air today!

Thank you,

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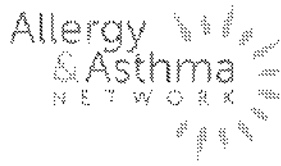
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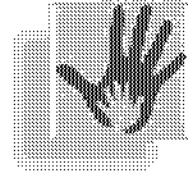
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National Medical Association



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December 13, 2023

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan:

The undersigned national health, medical and nursing organizations represent patients, providers and communities across the country that rely on strong federal environmental health safeguards. We are grateful that the EPA has taken on an ambitious agenda since 2021 of updating air standards, placing limits on pollution and transitioning to zero-emission vehicles. We are now urging you quickly finalize key rules that will provide clean air and a healthier environment for all. Our communities are calling on you: don't delay, clean air today.

The need to clean up air pollution and address climate change is more urgent than ever. The Fifth National Climate Assessment and the Lancet Countdown on Climate and Health, both released in November 2023, highlight the dire need to transition away from polluting energy sources. In 2020, fossil fuel combustion accounted for approximately 41.5% of all premature

deaths attributed to human-caused fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) in the US.¹ Climate change is increasing the risk of multiple extreme events occurring simultaneously, exacerbating physical and mental health harms and furthering health inequities.²

The harm of air and climate pollution to the nation's health is clear. Everyone's health is impacted, but children, individuals who are pregnant, older adults and people with heart and lung disease are some of the groups more susceptible to climate change and air pollution. Low-income communities and communities of color are also more likely to face increased exposures to pollution, compounding existing health inequities.

We appreciate the work this administration has done since 2021 to tackle the climate crisis and clean up the air, including signing the largest climate and clean energy investments in history, finalizing strong standards to limit harmful nitrogen oxides from trucks, investing in ending environmental injustices and finalizing strong limits on methane and other pollution from oil and gas sources. We also appreciate the proposals of several additional, crucial clean air rules. The nation now has just a short window of time for these remaining important protections to be finalized.

We urge you to quickly finalize the following key air pollution and climate change measures:

- Much stronger National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter
- Stronger greenhouse gas standards for heavy-duty vehicles
- Stronger multi-pollutant standards for light-duty vehicles
- Stronger limits on mercury and air toxics from power plants
- Limits on carbon pollution from new and existing power plants
- Granting waivers for California's stronger cleaner vehicles emissions programs

We also urge you to move swiftly in your review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone. Stronger ozone standards are urgently needed for health too.

Our health and our climate cannot wait. It's time to take more bold actions to improve air quality and mitigate climate change. We strongly urge you to finalize and begin implementing the strongest possible pollution standards no later than early April 2024. Doing so is necessary to keep the promise of clean air and environmental justice that has been prioritized by the administration.

Sincerely,

Allergy & Asthma Network
Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Lung Association
American Psychological Association
American Public Health Association

¹ Lancet Countdown, 2023: 2023 Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change Policy Brief for the United States of America. Beyeier NS, Knappenberger P, Hess JJ, Salas RN. Lancet Countdown U.S. Policy Brief, London, United Kingdom, 20 pp.

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