

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan,

As local and state elected officials from across the country, we write today to support the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed reduction of greenhouse gases from the power sector (EPA-HQ-OAR-2023-0072).

Representing millions of constituents, we understand firsthand how important tackling climate change is to our communities. Extreme weather disasters are costing us on average more than \$5,000 a second. As severe heat waves, drought, wildfires, sea level rise, severe storms, and coastal and inland flooding become more frequent, communities across the country are feeling the effects of climate change firsthand.

Climate change also affects our health, causing increased incidences and/or severity of respiratory illnesses, heat-related illnesses, cardiovascular illnesses, infectious diseases, adverse birth outcomes, mental health impacts, and even injury and premature death. These health impacts and climate burdens can be even more severe in communities of color and low-income communities.

To avoid the worst impacts of climate change, we need to rein in climate pollution from the nation's dirty coal- and gas-fired power plants. That's why we are thankful that the EPA is taking action to reduce climate pollution. The agency's proposed carbon rule represents an important step toward the goal of achieving 100 percent clean power generation. We believe EPA's proposal is a critically important step forward, and encourage the agency to achieve even greater pollution reductions by covering more plants and on a faster timeline in recognition of the threat of climate change. The administration must also take action for community protections and input, including rigorous monitoring and verification of emissions, enforcement of violations, and engagement with communities, both on the state planning process and on individual projects.

We look forward to working with you and your agency to strengthen and finalize these important standards by April 2024 to protect our communities and the planet.

Sincerely,

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