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Dear Administrator Zeldin:

I urge the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to abandon its proposal to repeal greenhouse gas (GHG) standards for power plants.

Greenhouse gas emissions from power plants are a major contributor to climate change, which is already harming human health enormously. Under the Clean Air Act, EPA is required to address these emissions. EPA has a long history of regulating greenhouse gas emissions from the power sector.

However, this proposal is the latest in a series of EPA actions that would undermine its own authority to address the health impacts of climate change. The agency has already repealed existing limits on carbon from power plants and repealed the 2009 Endangerment Finding, the scientific and legal conclusion that the Clean Air Act requires the regulation of greenhouse gas emissions to protect human health and welfare.

The facts are clear. Climate change is already harming Americans' health across every region of the country. Worsened air quality from wildfire smoke, increased risk of ozone pollution, stronger extreme weather events and increased spread of diseases put health and lives at risk. EPA has the authority, and the responsibility, to regulate power plant emissions.

Further, greenhouse gases from human activity cause climate change. The United States is the second leading global emitter of greenhouse gas emissions, and power plants are the second leading sector emitting them. Power plants are a leading contributor to climate change and its air quality impacts. Reducing these emissions is not only effective for helping address climate change, it's crucial. Finalizing this proposal would worsen the health harms of climate change, and will result in more air pollution from power plants.

EPA has the authority and the responsibility to regulate power plant emissions. I urge EPA not to finalize this proposal, and to instead take steps to protect people's health from emissions that drive climate change.

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