



June 27, 2024

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Chairwoman
Energy & Commerce Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member
Energy & Commerce Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman McMorris Rodgers and Ranking Member Pallone:

The American Lung Association strongly opposes the following bills which would overturn critical public health regulations finalized by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Earlier this month, [twenty-six national and state health organizations sent a letter](#) to Congress opposing efforts to block or weaken EPA rules. We urge the subcommittee to drop these bills from consideration.

H.J. Res. 117 would overturn health-based national particle pollution standards. EPA strengthened the annual fine particle pollution standard, which is expected to save 4,500 lives, prevent 800,000 cases of asthma symptoms and avoid 290,000 lost workdays in 2032 with estimated public health benefits of \$46 billion. These air pollution standards are science driven, health-based and have a decades-long track record of success in cleaning up pollution.

H.J. Res 136 would overturn multi-pollutant standards for cars. EPA finalized standards that will reduce air and climate pollution from future new cars and light trucks. The rule will reduce 7.2 billion metric tons of carbon pollution, 8,700 tons of particle pollution, 36,000 tons of nitrogen oxides (NOx) and 150,000 tons of VOCs. The rule will also make new gasoline-powered cars less polluting by requiring readily available and cost-effective technology to reduce particulate matter emissions.

H.J. Res 133 would overturn greenhouse gas emissions reductions from trucks. EPA finalized new rules to make future new heavy-duty vehicles less polluting, beginning in model year 2027. The standards for heavy-duty vehicles will reduce one billion metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions by 2055. The final rule will yield \$300 million in annualized public health benefits – providing much-needed relief to the 72 million people who live near major truck routes.

H.J. Res 163 would overturn limits on carbon pollution from power plants. EPA finalized new rules to limit carbon emissions from existing coal plants and future gas plants. These rules will achieve substantial reductions in carbon – 1.3 billion metric tons through 2047. In addition to the climate benefits, the rule will avoid 360,000 cases of asthma symptoms, 48,000 avoided school absences and 57,000 lost workdays.

All four of these bills could have far-reaching consequences for public health should they become law. Over 131 million people across the country are living in areas with unhealthy pollution. Climate change is a public health emergency that demands a dramatic reduction of greenhouse gas

emissions. The rules that these four bills would overturn are critical to achieving clean air and a healthy environment for all.

The American Lung Association opposes the use of the Congressional Review Act in any circumstance. In particular, when used to weaken health protections, it is a dangerous tool that will increase healthcare costs for individuals, deepen health inequities, and lead to avoidable premature deaths. We call on you to withdraw these bills from consideration and instead ensure that these critical public health protections are funded, implemented and enforced.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harold P. Wimmer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Harold P. Wimmer
National President and CEO