

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

Dear Administrator Regan,

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

Representing tens of thousands of constituents, we understand firsthand how important tackling climate change is to our communities. Pennsylvania is already feeling the impacts of climate change: for example, extreme weather—including storms, flooding, and landslides—is becoming more frequent and more severe across the Keystone State. This summer is expected to be another unusually hot season, bringing more days of dangerous heat.

To avoid the worst impacts of climate change, we need to rein in carbon emissions from the nation's dirty coal- and gas-fired power plants. The power sector is the largest source of climate pollution in Pennsylvania and second-largest source in the U.S.

We are thankful that the EPA is taking action to reduce climate pollution. The agency's proposed carbon rule represents an important step forward, as it would reduce 617 million metric tons of carbon dioxide by 2042, which is equivalent to the annual emissions of half of all cars in the U.S.

Beyond these significant climate reductions, the rule would also reduce tens of thousands of tons of unhealthy air pollution linked to asthma, cancer, and premature death.

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 finalize these important standards by April 2024 at the latest to protect our planet and public health.

Sincerely,

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State Senator Carolyn Comitta  
State Senator Vincent Hughes  
State Senator Tim Kearney  
State Senator Katie Muth  
State Senator Nikil Saval  
State Senator Judy Schwank  
State Senator Lindsey Williams  
State Representative Mary Jo Daley  
State Representative Jason Dawkins  
State Representative Elizabeth Fiedler  
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