

April 21, 2025

*Re: Oppose CRA Attacks on Clean Air and Public Health*

Dear Members of Congress,

We, the undersigned 127 health, business, labor, environmental, consumer, and science organizations **urge you to vote NO** on Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolutions that aim to overturn Advanced Clean Trucks (“ACT”), Advanced Clean Cars II (“ACC II”), and Heavy-Duty Omnibus (“HDO”) preemption waivers (H.J. Res. 87, H.R. Res. 88, H.J. Res. 89). These critical clean air standards, previously granted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), are essential for reducing toxic air pollution, protecting public health, and cutting climate-damaging emissions.

If successful, these CRA resolutions would mark the first time in the more than half-century of the Clean Air Act that Congress has attempted to take away states’ rights to choose clean vehicle standards to protect their citizens from dangerous air pollution. Using the CRA on these standards is an unprecedented and reckless attack on state sovereignty and allows EPA to avoid any accountability by bypassing explaining and defending its action to the public and the courts. Furthermore, improperly applying the CRA would open up a Pandora’s box, creating a precedent for future attempts to apply the CRA to any number of executive actions outside its scope, from approval for Medicaid waivers to changes to K-12 education plans.

If Congress overrides these state standards, people across the country will face severe health, economic, and environmental consequences:

**1. Hurting Consumers at the Pump.** Blocking these standards will cost consumers more than \$89 billion in fuel savings through 2040 – more than \$55 billion in net costs, taking into account purchase prices. These standards are key to accelerating the domestic supply chain for battery manufacturing and moving us closer to a sustainable model of battery recycling

**2. Harming Air Quality and Health:** More than 131 million people live in counties with unhealthy levels of ozone or particulate pollution, according to the [American Lung Association](#). Cars, SUVs, and trucks are the single largest source of ozone-forming emissions and a significant source of fine particulate pollution, which causes asthma attacks, heart attacks and strokes, premature births, lung cancer, and premature deaths. The standards that these CRA resolutions aim to block are essential to curb this pollution and protect the millions of vulnerable people who live in these counties. Preventing enforcement of these rules would allow more than 1,500,000 metric tons of NO<sub>x</sub>, 17,700 metric tons of fine particles, and 1.6 billion metric tons of climate-harming emissions to be spewed into the air. More pollution means more children suffering asthma attacks and missing school, more grandparents dying prematurely, and more death and destruction from extreme weather.

**3. Ceding Global Leadership to Other Countries:** Businesses require certainty for investments in clean transportation. These CRAs will kneecap companies that are investing billions of public and private sector dollars in new job-creating factories – primarily in areas like North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia, Michigan, and Arizona. U.S. companies led the world auto industry for a century, and they should be leading the global clean vehicle transition now underway. These CRAs will only leave domestic manufacturing behind.

Congress should leave this issue to the states, which are free at any time to change course and go back to federal standards. We urge Congress to oppose these attacks to our air and public health and vote **NO** on H.J. Res. 87, H.R. Res. 88, H.J. Res. 89.

Signed,

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Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planet

Advanced Energy United

AFT New Jersey

All Our Energy

Alliance for Clean Energy New York

Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments

Breathe Southern California

C40 Cities

California Communities Against Toxics

California Electric Transportation Coalition

California Environmental Voters

Californians Against Waste

Catskill Mountainkeeper

Center for Biological Diversity

Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCA EJ)

Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment

Central California Asthma Collaborative

Change the Chamber

Chesapeake Climate Action Network

Citizens Campaign for the Environment

Clark County Clean Air

Clean Water Action

Climate Action Campaign

Climate Action PA

Climate Reality Greater Maryland

Climate Reality Project, Chicago

Climate Solutions

Coalition for Clean Affordable Energy  
Coalition for Clean Air  
Coltura  
Communities for a Healthy Bay  
Conservation Law Foundation  
Conservation Voters New Mexico  
CWA Local 1036  
Dayenu: A Jewish Call to Climate Action  
Do Good LLC  
Douglas County Global Warming Coalition  
Duwamish River Community Coalition  
E2  
Earthjustice Action  
Ecology Action  
Ecology Center  
Elders Action Network  
Elders Climate Action  
Elders Climate Action Maryland  
Elected Officials to Protect America  
Electric Vehicle Association  
Endangered Species Coalition  
Environment California  
Environmental Advocates NY  
Environmental Defense Action Fund  
Environmental Health Coalition  
Environmental Law & Policy Center  
Evergreen Action  
FACTS Families Advocating for Chemical AND Toxics Safety  
For the Many  
Forth  
Fresh Energy (MN)  
Generation180  
Green Energy Consumers Alliance  
GreenLatinos  
Health & Medicine Policy Research Group  
Health Care Without Harm  
HPAE  
Illinois Clinicians for Climate Action  
Illinois Environmental Council  
Labor Network for Sustainability  
Latino Outdoors  
League of Conservation Voters (LCV)  
Long Island Progressive Coalition  
MA Mothers Out Front  
Maryland LCV  
Mass. Peace Action

Metro East Green Alliance  
Michigan League of Conservation Voters  
Mobilizing Climate Action Together (MCAT), Transportation Committee  
Moms Clean Air Force  
Mothers Out Front  
Mountain Mamas  
National Consumer Law Center, on behalf of our low-income clients  
National Consumers League  
National Environmental Health Association  
National Wildlife Federation  
NRDC (Natural Resources Defense Council)  
Neighborhood Sun  
Neighbors for Clean Air  
New Jersey League of Conservation Voters  
New Jersey Policy Perspective  
New Mexico & El Paso Region Interfaith Power and Light  
New Yorkers for Clean Power  
NJ Work Environment Council  
NW Energy Coalition  
Oregon Environmental Council  
Oregon League of Conservation Voters  
Peoples Collective for Environmental Justice  
Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Plug In America  
Project Green Home  
Prosperity Works  
Public Citizen  
Regional Asthma Management & Prevention (RAMP)  
Regional Plan Association  
Respiratory Health Association  
ReVision Energy Inc.  
RiSE  
SanDiego350  
Sierra Club  
SJV Medical Advocates for Healthy Air  
Southern Environmental Law Center  
Southwest Energy Efficiency Project  
Sustainable Energy Inc.  
The Climate Mobilization, Montgomery County MD  
The Greenlining Institute  
The Legacy of a Livable Planet  
Together for Brothers  
Tri-State Transportation Campaign  
Union of Concerned Scientists  
Unitarian Universalist Advocacy Network of Illinois  
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Voices for Progress  
Washington Conservation Action  
Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility  
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