

Dear :

I am very concerned about the rollback of critical protections by the administration during the pandemic. Just this week I read the E.P.A. is weakening the rule on mercury and other toxic pollutants. The level of toxic air emissions is impacting our at-risk communities, and it is critical that Congress conduct meaningful oversight over violations of existing toxic air standards and support robust funding for the Environmental Protection Agency.

Dangerous toxic air emissions should be a grave concern because it damages our lungs and can make adults and children more susceptible to coronavirus. Young children are especially at risk for respiratory damage from air pollution because their brains and bodies are still growing.

I urge you to write legislation with the following protections so that all might have the opportunity to live a healthy life:

- Stronger reporting requirements on toxic emissions and polluters, with stronger penalties for noncompliance
- Effective oversight and monitoring for toxic leaks
- Expansion of the Toxics Release Inventory reporting requirements

There is absolutely no reason to lessen the pollution protections we still have. For this pandemic and the future, the cleaner the air, the better chance we have of having healthy Americans with an improved chance of survival.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for the oversight you have already exercised at this time.

Sincerely,