

**October 2018 Council Action of the Month**-- Help defend our lungs from air pollution! For our October 2018 *Council Action of the Month*, we need your help to defend our lungs from air pollution! Air pollution can lead to illness and premature death so, please take a moment to defend the Clean Power Plan and cleaner car standards through one of the American Lung Association current campaigns.

The Clean Power Plan is under attack: In 2015, the Clean Power Plan was agreed upon in order to reduce carbon pollution from power plants and clean up other dangerous emissions that contaminate the air we breathe. The current presidential administration's EPA has proposed scrapping the Clean Power Plan and replacing it with the Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) rule. Instead of reducing carbon & other air pollutants, the ACE would roll back longstanding requirements for power plants to install and operate modern pollution controls. This would allow power plants to increase their emissions of nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, particulate matter and air toxins, including mercury. According to EPA's own analysis, the ACE could result in up to 1,400 more premature deaths, 120,000 more asthma attacks, and up to 64,000 missed days of school annually in 2030, all of which would be prevented under the Clean Power Plan.

Tell the EPA to implement and enforce the Clean Power Plan and not replace it with this dangerously ineffective alternative.

Cleaner car standards are also under attack: In addition, the current presidential administration is trying to reverse one of the nation's most successful programs to clean up air pollution and fight climate change: cleaner cars standards. Please tell the administration not to roll back these protections.

The nation's current cleaner cars standards are a huge success story. They're widely popular, they're practical, and most importantly, they're working. Cleaner cars standards are one of the nation's most effective tools to clean up harmful air pollution. Yet, these lifesaving standards are now under attack. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) are proposing to halt the nation's progress in making vehicles cleaner and more fuel efficient for years to come.

Worse, they've even proposed taking away the right of states to safeguard their own citizens from vehicle pollution by setting stronger limits. Right now, California and twelve other states have the ability to set more protective cleaner cars standards. Their historic ability to do this has driven much of the nation's progress toward cleaner air. Now, this right is under threat.

Please raise your voice in opposition to this egregious attack on these highly effective protections. [Click here](#) to express your support of cleaner car standards to our elected officials.