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Reconsideration of 2009 Endangerment Finding and Greenhouse Gas Vehicle Standards  
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Hello. My name is Harold Wimmer (H-A-R-O-L-D W-I-M-M-E-R) and I'm proud to serve as the President and CEO of the American Lung Association. The American Lung Association is the nation's oldest voluntary health organization, and we work toward a world free of lung disease. We base everything that we do on science and in the case of climate change, things cannot be clearer. Greenhouse gases are driving climate change, which is harming people's lungs across the country. I urge EPA to withdraw these proposed repeals.

The action this EPA is taking is dangerous and, if finalized, would be a massive setback for health. The endangerment finding is supported by law and the overwhelming scientific consensus around climate change. Overturning it would prioritize polluters over the health of everyone in the United States, particularly the health of our children, seniors and people living with lung disease.

The work of EPA over the past decade has led to numerous health benefits. Safeguards against methane pollution also reduce emissions of other harmful air pollutants like volatile organic compounds. Rules to reduce carbon pollution from power plants were also estimated to reduce particulate matter, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides – all of which are dangers to public health.

And EPA's work to reduce emissions from the transportation sector has helped to deliver health benefits to communities across the country. Standards that reduce greenhouse gas emissions from new vehicles have been used by EPA for decades under multiple administrators. Repealing them would not only threaten an acceleration of climate change, it would also lead to increases in harmful air pollution that impact lung health.

The science is clear – climate change is a health emergency, and air pollution from vehicles makes people sick. These impacts to people's lungs will continue to worsen if EPA ignores that science and removes these safeguards. I ask EPA – fulfill your mission to protect human health and the environment and keep strong safeguards on the books. You have the choice to abandon this evidence-lacking repeal and on behalf of communities across the country, I urge you to protect people's health.