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Reconsideration of 2009 Endangerment Finding and Greenhouse Gas Vehicle
Standards
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- Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. My name is Madeline Hall. I'm a recent graduate from the University of California at Riverside with a bachelor's degree in political science and now currently reside in Sacramento where I'm serving as Loveridge Sustainability fellow with the American Lung Association.
- In Riverside and in Sacramento, and in communities across the United States, young people like me are deeply concerned about the rollbacks and repeals of climate policies intended to safeguard us.
- That is why I strongly oppose EPA's proposal to repeal the endangerment finding and greenhouse gas standards for vehicles.
- My communities in California are regularly ranked among the most polluted in the country, and climate change-driven extremes have added to that burden. We have seen extreme heat, storms, flooding and choking wildfire smoke in just the past few years.
- I'm someone who lives with the daily reality of what this pollution means. I've lived in California all my life and protecting air we breathe has only gotten harder with each new fire or heat wave increasing health harm and costs to families and individuals.
- It can be easy to forget how bad things once were and how far we've come because of strong, science-based regulations. But that progress is not guaranteed, and we cannot afford to turn our back on the science. Rolling back of the endangerment finding and clean vehicle standards will leave communities in with poor air quality in even worse shape.
- The endangerment finding exists because of decades of evidence that show that greenhouse gas emissions contribute to climate change and harms communities. And we're already experiencing it with high asthma rates, extreme heat, wildfires and the smoke that comes with it which penetrates deeply into our lungs.
- I respectfully ask the EPA to protect the endangerment finding, protect vehicle standards, and put public health first. Please do not finalize this dangerous rollback, especially when science supports it. Thank you.