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Reconsideration of 2009 Endangerment Finding and Greenhouse Gas Vehicle Standards
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Hello. My name is Liz Scott (L-I-Z S-C-O-T-T) and I'm the Director of Federal Clean Air Advocacy with the American Lung Association. I'm here today to ask EPA to withdraw the proposal to repeal critical clean air and climate safeguards.

The actions included in this repeal are highly consequential and I think it's clear from the robust turnout of public health professionals, medical experts, community leaders and more that these repeals are not supported. They are not supported by the public, scientific evidence or the law.

The American Lung Association has had the honor to engage with the Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change – an annual global report with an accompanying US brief. For the past seven years, leaders and experts across the health, education and scientific fields have come together to deliver key messages that underscore the health emergency that is climate change. The biggest takeaway - children born today can expect poorer air quality, hotter days, and lifelong social and community disruptions from climate change.

Last year's Lancet Countdown US Policy Brief detailed how record-breaking heat was experienced across the U.S. From 2014-2023, each infant and adult over the age 65 in the US was exposed to 9.3 and 8.4 heatwave days, respectively. This is double what it was from 1986-2005. Excessive heat isn't just dangerous for health, it's also bad for business. The 2024 Brief also found that 3.4 billion potential labor hours were lost due to heat exposure in 2023, with the potential loss of income totally \$103 billion.

The Lancet Countdown joins many other, peer-reviewed findings that climate change is harming health. We are rapidly approaching a scenario where the impacts of climate change will outpace the health sector's ability to respond. This means that not only would people be facing the health harms that come from climate change, they would also face delays or barriers in getting the care they need to carry on healthy lives.

I implore the EPA, please withdraw this baseless, contrarian proposal to repeal the endangerment finding.