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Honorable Lee Zeldin, Administrator, EPA
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Re: Opposition to Any Efforts to Rescind the Endangerment Finding or Weaken Emission Standards

Dear Mr. Zeldin and Office of OAR ,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), we write to express our **strong opposition to recent proposals to repeal federal greenhouse gas emission standards for vehicles and motors, as well as any attempt to rescind the Environmental Protection Agency's 2009 Endangerment Finding**. These actions would represent a dangerous rollback of essential protections for public health, the environment, and the stability of our climate.

The Endangerment Finding, grounded in extensive scientific evidence, correctly determined that greenhouse gas emissions pose a clear and present danger to human health and welfare. Claims that the scientific record was incorrectly analyzed are unfounded and run counter to decades of peer-reviewed research and the overwhelming consensus of the international scientific community. Suggesting otherwise is, quite simply, an attempt to ignore the reality of climate science.

Further, repealing greenhouse gas emission standards for vehicles and motors would undermine one of the most effective tools we have to reduce carbon pollution, improve air quality, and drive innovation in clean transportation. Weakening these standards would harm communities like ours, which already suffer the consequences of climate inaction.



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The SBWPC has long recognized the urgent need to address climate change, as set forth in our Environmental Position Paper. We believe the federal government has both a legal and moral obligation to act decisively on this crisis. Here on California's Central Coast, we cannot ignore the evidence: Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties experienced roughly 235,000 acres lost to wildfire this past summer, fueled by high heat, scant winter rainfall, and record-low humidity. These fires are not isolated events—they are symptoms of a worsening climate emergency.

We therefore urge the EPA to:

1. Defend and preserve the 2009 Endangerment Finding in its entirety.
2. Maintain and strengthen greenhouse gas emission standards for vehicles and motors, which are critical for reducing the nation's largest source of carbon pollution.
3. Base all regulatory decisions on sound, established climate science, rather than politically motivated efforts, to dismiss or distort the scientific record.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee strongly opposes the repeal of either the Endangerment Finding or current emission standards. Rolling back these protections would endanger communities across the United States, particularly those already on the frontlines of climate change.

We call on the EPA to demonstrate continued leadership by upholding science-based regulations and safeguarding the health and well-being of all Americans.

Sincerely,

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