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Support the Clean Air Act
Sign Waxman-Dingell Letter to Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi

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Dear Colleague:

We ask that you join us in signing the attached letter to Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi, asking them to protect the Clean Air Act, successful bipartisan legislation that has been saving lives for more than forty years. Since 1970, the Clean Air Act has reduced key air pollutants by 60 percent while at the same time, the economy grew by over 200 percent. Clean air, a healthier public, and economic growth go hand in hand.

We have made great strides in cleaning up our air in the last forty years, but air pollution still harms American families and our economy. EPA has the responsibility, pursuant to *Massachusetts v. EPA*, to take steps to curb carbon emissions. Congress has consistently rejected efforts to weaken the Clean Air Act, and we hope you will join us in protecting this landmark law once again.

To sign the letter, or if you have any questions about the Clean Air Act, please contact Melissa Bez Cheatham at 202-225-3976 or melissa.cheatham@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



HENRY A. WAXMAN
Ranking Member



JOHN D. DINGELL
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Dear Speaker Boehner and Democratic Leader Pelosi,

We write to urge you to support the Clean Air Act, which is one of America's great bipartisan pieces of legislation. The law has led to unprecedented environmental and public health strides, while at the same time our economy has more than tripled. The Clean Air Act has sharply reduced air pollution over the past forty years, allowing millions of Americans to lead healthier, more productive, and longer lives.

Unfortunately, this landmark legislation, which was adopted and amended by overwhelming bipartisan majorities, is now under attack. We ask you to oppose efforts to undermine this landmark law. In particular, EPA has responsibility, pursuant to the Supreme Court's decision in *Massachusetts v. EPA*, to take steps to curb carbon emissions using its current Clean Air Act authority. Indeed, EPA has already wisely used this authority to implement one national automobile standard to reduce our dependence on foreign oil and reduce carbon emissions.

The Clean Air Act was enacted in 1970, and significantly amended in 1990, with strong bipartisan support. In both instances we had divided government, with a Democratic Congress and Republicans in the White House. We worked together across party lines to enact a law that would protect public health and the environment, as well as our economy. We were successful. Since 1970, the Clean Air Act has reduced key air pollutants by 60%, while at the same time the economy grew by over 200%.

Air pollution is costly. It increases asthma attacks, heart attacks, strokes, respiratory diseases, and lung cancer, and causes premature deaths, hurting our families and burdening our economy. Children and seniors are particularly vulnerable to its effects. Cleaner air, a healthier population, and a stronger economy go hand-in-hand. In addition to keeping workers on the job, cleaning up air pollution can create new jobs – in designing and manufacturing pollution controls, installing and operating new equipment, and building cleaner facilities.

Congress has consistently rejected efforts to weaken the Clean Air Act and must do so again. We urge you to join us in keeping the Clean Air Act strong and the air safe and healthy to breathe.

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