

Support Adequate Funding for the Environmental Protection Agency in FY19

Deadline: COB March 21st

****This is an agency request****

Dear Colleague,

Please join us in sending the below letter to Chairman Frelinghuysen and Ranking Member Lowey urging them to reject President Trump's proposal to slash funding for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to instead increase funding by at least 10 percent over Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 enacted in FY2019. Doing so would help reverse years of underfunding at this critical agency.

As Members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, and Congressional Black Caucus, we stand united in our support of adequately funding the EPA. President Trump's proposal to cut the EPA's budget by \$2.8 billion, combined with the ongoing roll-back of critical public health safeguards, would have devastating consequences for all Americans, and especially for minority communities across the country. These cuts would eliminate or drastically reduce funds to ensure access to clean air and clean water, address pollution from lead, and clean up contaminated industrial sites, among many other needed programs. In particular, the president's proposal:

- slashes Environmental Justice enforcement by 70 percent;
- cuts the Superfund program to funding levels below the last year of the Obama administration;
- terminates grants that fight lead poisoning such as the Lead Risk Reduction Program; and
- reduces state, local, and tribal air quality monitoring assistance by nearly a third.

At a time when communities and states are fighting to protect their families' health and re-develop their economies, the federal government should be funding essential safeguards—not slashing air monitoring protections and shutting down hazardous waste clean-up programs. Building an America where families can thrive—no matter their zip code—requires a well-funded EPA, one that is able to achieve its fundamental mission of ensuring that the air we breathe and the water we drink are safe and free from contamination.

If you would like to sign on to this letter or have any questions, please contact Mike Stoeber in my office at mike.stoeber@mail.house.gov (x58820), Danielle Fulfs in Rep. Jayapal's office at danielle.fulfs@mail.house.gov (x53106), and Corey Solow in Rep. McEachin's office at corey.solow@mail.house.gov (x56365).

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