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Reconsideration of the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program  
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Environmental Protection Agency

Good afternoon. My name is Natalia Reyes Becerra. I serve as a Nationwide Clean Air Advocacy Manager for the American Lung Association. I appreciate the opportunity to testify today in strong opposition to EPA's proposal to repeal the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program.

My hometown of Sacramento, California has become far too familiar with the harmful effects of wildfire smoke that are becoming more frequent and intense, fueled by a changing climate. I've seen ashes raining down from the sky and smoke that makes the air hazardous to breathe, placing an especially heavy burden on children, seniors, people with chronic lung disease, and people who live or work outdoors. The Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program is crucial for identifying and measuring sources of pollution that are driving extreme weather disasters like wildfires that are harming people's health.

The program is a critical tool for protecting public health and provides essential transparency about the sources and scale of greenhouse gas emissions. Eliminating this reporting requirement would leave the public, policymakers, and scientists in the dark. Without accurate and consistent data, we can't effectively enforce pollution limits or assess the effectiveness of mitigation strategies. This proposal would undermine decades of progress, and the loss of data will have devastating consequences on our ability to protect communities from climate-fueled disasters.

Congress clearly directed EPA to develop and maintain this program under the Clean Air Act. For over 15 years, it has been used by federal and state agencies, researchers, industry, and the public, and courts have upheld EPA's authority to collect this data.

Prioritizing polluters over people's health violates the mission of the EPA: to protect human health and the environment. We urge you to follow the science, honor the law, and stay true to the agency's mission. Please rescind this harmful proposal. Thank you.