

April 14, 2021

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
Office of the Administrator, 1101A
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan:

Congratulations on your appointment as the sixteenth Administrator. On behalf of our members and supporters, the undersigned leaders of national public health, nursing and medical organizations respectfully request a meeting with you to discuss opportunities for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to take urgent action to reduce air pollution, curb climate change and improve health equity.

Our organizations represent millions of people who face greater risk of harm from air pollution, including children with asthma, adults with lung and heart disease, pregnant people, newborns and children and older adults. We advocate for strong, science-based air pollution limits to protect public health, especially for underserved communities that bear a disproportionate pollution burden.

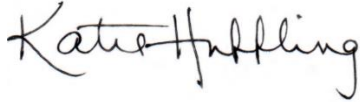
We were pleased to hear the Biden Administration recognize that the climate crisis, air pollution and environmental injustice are interrelated, and state that the administration places a high priority on addressing all three. Our organizations would like to discuss with you how to seize this opportunity and maximize the benefits to human health.

Key priorities that we would like to discuss with you include:

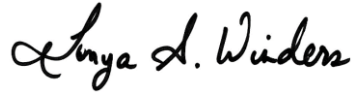
- The urgent need for stronger, science-based National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone and particle pollution that fully and equitably protect health;
- The opportunity to set long-term standards to dramatically reduce emissions from cars and trucks;
- The need to set stronger standards for power plants, oil and gas operations and other large pollution sources;
- The opportunity to transition the nation to clean, renewable, non-combustion electricity;
- President Biden's pledge to ensure 40% of investments in this transition benefit disadvantaged communities.

Please consider our organizations a resource on these issues, along with other topics that impact public health. To help schedule this important conversation, please contact Laura Kate Bender at the American Lung Association, at Laura.Bender@Lung.org or 202-715-3457.

Sincerely,



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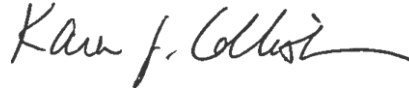
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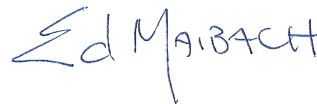
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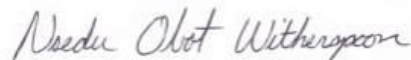
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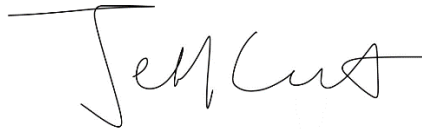
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