



April 26, 2023

Dear Representative:

The undersigned health, medical and nursing organizations strongly oppose HR 2811, and ask you to vote no on the budget proposal when it comes to a vote later this week.

The bill includes several provisions that health organizations, many of whom are undersigned here, have long opposed. Access to clean air and water and a healthy and safe environment should not be a privilege for the few but accessible and protected for everyone. HR 2811 would undermine the ability of the federal government to deliver on its most basic responsibility – to protect the health and livelihood of the American people.

Specifically, our organizations oppose the following provisions:

- Repealing or weakening clean energy tax credits will limit the ability of families to access cleaner, healthier energy that will help them save on their energy and vehicle bills.
- Repealing the Methane Emissions Reduction Program before it has a chance to help reduce the levels of climate-warming methane and other dangerous co-pollutants threatens the health of communities located near oil and gas wells.
- Promoting and incentivizing the buildout of new fossil fuel infrastructure perpetuates the challenges to cleaning up air and water pollution and will accelerate the catastrophic impacts of climate change, leading to more intense and frequent weather events, devastating wildfires and increased healthcare costs as individuals deal with respiratory harm, longer allergy seasons and the spread of vector-borne diseases.
- Prohibiting the ability of the public to engage in and challenge decisions to build new energy sources in their communities could force individuals to breathe dirty air and live in an unhealthy environment. People have the right to participate in decisions about what happens in their own communities.
- Capping discretionary spending at lower levels means cutting resources for agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and their work to protect public health. These agencies have already been

underfunded and reducing funding further will lead to an increase in health harms from pollution, climate change and other emerging health threats.

We urge you to prioritize the health of your constituents and vote no on HR 2811.

Sincerely,

Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments

Allergy & Asthma Network

American Lung Association

American Public Health Association

Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America

Climate for Health/ecoAmerica

Climate Psychiatry Alliance

Health Care Without Harm

Medical Students for a Sustainable Future

National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

National League for Nursing

Physicians for Social Responsibility