

August 1, 2023

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:

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 the urgent, immediate, and long overdue need to strengthen the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone to protect public health.

We represent millions of vulnerable people who face greater risk of harm from air pollution, including children with asthma, adults with lung and heart disease, individuals who are pregnant, newborns and children and older adults.

Our organizations have appreciated the opportunity to meet with you in the past regarding the need for strong EPA measures to reduce air pollution. We would like to share our public health perspective on the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone ahead of agency decision. The current NAAQS allow levels of ozone that pose severe health risks, including respiratory harm to vulnerable groups. The scientific weight of evidence shows that ozone NAAQS of 55- 60 parts per billion would be adequately protective, compared to the current 70 ppb.

Health-protective science-based NAAQS support EPA's mission of faithfully implementing the Clean Air Act, and advancing environmental justice that underlie the agency's clean air priority rules.

To help schedule this important discussion, please contact Laura Kate Bender at the American Lung Association, at Laura.Bender@Lung.org or 202-715-3457.

Sincerely,

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