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The Honorable Lee Zeldin
Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

RE: Opposition to Proposed Reconsideration of the 2009 Endangerment Finding – Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2025-0194

Dear Administrator Zeldin,

I write today on behalf of over 125,000 constituents of Ohio's 13th House District to express my unequivocal opposition to any proposal by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to reconsider or weaken the [2009 Endangerment Finding](#). This landmark determination, based on rigorous peer-reviewed science, affirmed that greenhouse gas emissions pose a threat to public health and welfare, an assessment that remains as urgent and accurate today as it was over a decade ago.

Any attempt to undermine the Endangerment Finding is not only scientifically indefensible but morally irresponsible. Besides the EPA's 2009 ruling, federal courts including the U.S. Supreme Court in [Massachusetts v. EPA \(2007\)](#) have upheld the EPA's authority and obligation under the Clean Air Act to regulate greenhouse gases. This legal precedent has been the foundation for many of the most important climate policies enacted at the federal level, including vehicle emissions standards, power plant regulations, and methane emission controls.

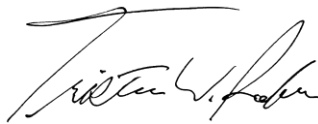
These policies have yielded real, measurable results. [Between 2005 and 2020, U.S. carbon dioxide emissions fell by 21%](#), even as the economy grew. Public health outcomes improved as well: asthma rates among children have declined in many parts of the country due to cleaner air, and clean energy investments have spurred job creation in solar, wind, and energy efficiency sectors, industries that now employ hundreds of thousands of Americans. According to the [2024 U.S. Energy & Employment Report](#), clean energy employment accounted for 59% of new energy sector jobs in 2023.

It is deeply troubling that oil and gas interests appear to be guiding federal environmental policy at the expense of the people I was elected to serve. The fossil fuel industry has spent decades funding misinformation campaigns, obstructing climate action, and prioritizing short-term profits over the long-term stability of our communities and ecosystems. Their influence should not dictate decisions that affect the health, safety, and future of every American. Additionally, three former EPA leaders have publicly criticized this decision and say it would endanger the lives of millions of Americans and abandon the agency's mission. Just last month, you personally placed over [140 employees on administrative leave](#) after they signed a public letter denouncing this change as well.

Ohioans in my district and across the state are already facing the consequences of climate inaction—from extreme heat waves and more frequent flooding to poor air quality and rising energy burdens. We need an EPA that follows science, respects the rule of law, and puts people before polluters.

I urge you to please preserve the integrity of the 2009 Endangerment Finding. Rolling it back would not only set us back scientifically and legally but would betray the American public's trust and jeopardize the progress we've made toward a cleaner, safer, and more equitable future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tristan W. Rader", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tristan W. Rader
State Representative
House District 13