

OMB Clean Car & Meeting Testimony

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Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs E.O. 12866 Meeting: 2060-AW71: Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding and Motor Vehicle Reconsideration Rule

Attendees

- Yosef Robele (WE ACT for Environmental Justice)
- Tuesday Jenkins (WE ACT for Environmental Justice)
- Anastasia Gordon (WE ACT for Environmental Justice)
- Omega Wilson (West End Revitalization Association)
- Alexandra Johnson (Duwamish River Community Coalition=

Written testimony on behalf of the Clean Air for the Long Haul

Hello, we are members of the Clean Air for the Long Haul – a national cohort of environmental justice organizations working together to put forward campaigns and embed environmental justice in Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rulemakings in the power and transportation sectors. Thank you for the opportunity to talk with you today about retaining the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Endangerment Finding and the Multi-Pollutant Emissions Standards for Model Years 2027 and Later Light-Duty and Medium-Duty Vehicles.

According to the EPA, the power and transportation sectors are responsible for over 50% of GHG emissions. These high polluting sectors are an egregious form of environmental injustice as they are a major source of harmful and deadly air pollutants such as soot- and smog-forming particulate matter and nitrogen oxides. Unfortunately, air pollution is becoming more dire as this year's American Lung Association's State of the Air Report found that [nearly half of all Americans](#) live in a county with a failing grade for air quality.

Communities of color and low-wealth are not only disproportionately experiencing the worst impacts of the climate crisis but are unduly burdened by harmful tailpipe emissions from trucks because they live near diesel death zones – ports, highways, distribution centers, and other transportation infrastructure. This is a stark reality for many environmental justice communities nationwide as well as the communities the Clean Air for the Long Haul lives and advocates for. In addition, these communities are on the front lines of the climate crisis with [EPA's climate vulnerability assessment published in 2021](#) concluding that Hispanic and Latino individuals 43% more likely to live in areas with the highest projected labor losses, Native American Individuals

48% more likely to live in areas that will be inundated due to sea level rise, and Black Individuals are 40% more likely to live in the areas with the highest projected increases in mortality rates.

EPA's own analysis found that [72 million people](#), many of which are low-income and people of color, live within 200 meters of major trucking routes. Thus, our communities have to contend with the health damaging effects of pollution from cars, trucks and buses every day such as asthma, lung damage, heart attacks, cancer, and premature death. This rule as well as other rules in [EPA's Clean Trucks plan](#) would not only reduce air and climate pollution from heavy-duty vehicles and their supporting infrastructure but are also essential for the EPA and the entire Administration to fulfil its mission and commitment to protect public health and the environment. Eliminating tailpipe emissions from vehicles is required to deliver much needed health benefits for communities overburdened by diesel truck pollution and infrastructure. Zero-emission technologies present an opportunity for significant reduction in GHG emission and air pollutants over the long term. Zero-emission, electric passenger cars, trucks and buses are ready and available now and the number of available models are only [expected to increase](#).

The nation is at a crossroads as we face ongoing public health and climate crises. This juncture offers an opportunity to reduce emissions swiftly and mitigate the worst impacts of the climate crisis. It is also an opportunity to redress current day and historical environmental injustices that have burdened vulnerable communities for decades. Rolling back the bedrock endangerment finding and vehicle emissions standards would be a retreat from your fundamental responsibility to protect American's health and safety. The Clean Air for the Long Haul implores the EPA and the Administration to change course and preserve our existing progress in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and toxic air pollution. Thank you again for the chance to provide input on this rule.