



Dear Senator/Representative:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations and businesses, and the millions of Americans who enjoy and depend on our wildlife and natural resources, we strongly oppose any effort to weaken the Clean Air Act, one of our nation's most critical health and environmental protections. A bipartisan effort led to the passage of the Clean Air Act in 1970, marking a turning point in American history when it became unacceptable for industries to dump their pollution into our air. Sportsmen and women from across the country united and played a vital role in passing this landmark legislation.

The Clean Air Act has a long history of success in reducing pollution such as acid rain and smog that threatens fish and wildlife and their habitats. Today, the Environmental Protection Agency is poised to cut pollution that causes toxic mercury contamination and set standards to limit carbon pollution. As hunters and anglers, we know how widespread mercury is in our environment, posing a danger to all who eat mercury-laden fish. We also know that climate change is fundamentally altering our environment and putting fish and wildlife populations and our outdoor heritage at risk. Regulating mercury and cutting carbon pollution will help protect our long standing investment in our outdoor heritage.

America's hunters, anglers, and the 79 billion dollar industry that supports them, are glad to see long overdue action to reduce mercury pollution and put limits on carbon pollution. This unique partnership, formed in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, continues to be at the heart of conserving wildlife. We strongly urge you to prevent any Congressional roll back of the Clean Air Act, ensuring our outdoor legacy for future generations.