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including those that would block, weaken, or delay critical clean air and public health protections.

Clean air is essential for public health. Air pollution contributes to asthma attacks, emergency department visits, hospitalizations, low birthweight, and premature deaths. While the U.S. has made great progress in reducing dangerous air pollution, more than half of all Americans still live where levels of ozone and particle pollution are unhealthy to breathe. Continued implementation and enforcement of the Clean Air Act is essential to protect public health and the environment.

The undersigned organizations urge you to protect the health of your constituents by opposing all riders in bills to fund the federal government for the remainder of FY2017, including any provisions that would endanger public health by weakening the Clean Air Act or hindering the EPA's work to clean up harmful air pollution.

Sincerely,

Allergy & Asthma Network

American Academy of Pediatrics

American Lung Association

American Public Health Association

American Thoracic Society

Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America

Health Care Without Harm

March of Dimes

National Association of County & City Health
Officials

National Environmental Health Association

Physicians for Social Responsibility

Trust for America's Health