

# **WE STAND WITH THE EPA**

Dear Public Servants of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations and our millions of members and supporters, we extend our deepest thanks to you for the invaluable work you do every day as public servants for the United States of America and its people.

We rely on you to protect our air, land, and water from pollution and to clean up toxic and polluted sites, which disproportionately impact low-income people and communities of color and the most vulnerable among us – children and the elderly. We rely on you to ensure the safety of chemicals that are used in everyday household products, from toys to carpets. We rely on you to help deliver critical investments in state and local water and wastewater infrastructure to ensure our drinking water is clean and safe. We rely on you to provide scientific facts that allow us to understand the threats posed by climate change and pollution. And we rely on you for science-based standards that Americans use daily, from consumers who want to understand the energy efficiency of appliances they buy, to beachgoers who want to know that the waters their families swim in are clean, to fishermen and women who need to know that the fish they catch and bring to market are free from toxic pollution.

The Trump Administration's FY 2018 budget blueprint proposes cuts of 31% to EPA's budget, the largest cut proposed for any federal agency and the largest in EPA's history. The budget includes the proposed elimination of 3,200 jobs at EPA, 21% of its workforce. These cuts, if passed by Congress, would fundamentally undermine the ability of EPA, through your public service, to implement the efforts noted above, and others, which are grounded in our nation's environmental laws, and which Americans rely on and strongly support.

At the same time, this administration has demeaned and disrespected the work that you do, and has disregarded the scientific facts and integrity that serve as the foundation of EPA's mission and work. Nowhere has this been more evident than in the Executive Orders rolling back rules to protect clean air, clean water, and the climate, which EPA staff spent years developing through the painstaking collection of data and extensive public input.

We will not let this stand. We will defend you, your work, and the programs that allow EPA to fulfill its mission, in Congress, in the courts, in communities, and in the streets. Please continue doing the work that you do with your heads held high, knowing that millions of Americans appreciate, respect and depend on you. We are dedicated to standing with you.

In gratitude,

The undersigned national, state, and local organizations:



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Alaska Wilderness League  
Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments  
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)  
American Federation of Teachers  
American Sustainable Business Council  
Arkansas Public Policy Panel  
Azul  
BlueGreen Alliance  
Bold Alliance  
Clean Water Action  
Climate Action Now  
Climate Law & Policy Project  
Defend Our Future  
Earthjustice  
Earthworks  
Environment America  
Environmental Advocates of New York  
Environmental Defense Fund  
Environmental League of Massachusetts  
Friends of the Earth - US  
Global Progressive Hub  
Grand Canyon Trust  
Green For All  
GreenCAPE  
GreenLatinos  
Greenpeace  
Indivisible Forest Hills  
Iowa Interfaith Power & Light  
Latino Victory Fund  
League of United Latin American Citizens  
Michigan League of Conservation Voters  
Montana Environmental Information Center  
National Hispanic Medical Association  
National Housing Trust  
NC League of Conservation Voters  
NCLR Action Fund  
Nevada Conservation League  
NextGen Climate  
Oceana  
Ohio Environmental Council Action Fund  
ProgressNow  
Rate It Green ([www.rateitgreen.com](http://www.rateitgreen.com))  
San Francisco League of Conservation Voters  
Sierra Club  
State Innovation Exchange  
Students for a Just & Stable Future  
The Climate Reality Project  
The Natural History Museum  
Union of Concerned Scientists  
United We Dream  
Voces Verdes  
Washington Conservation Voters  
Washington Environmental Council  
Working America

