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Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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RE: Request for Public Hearings on Proposed Repeal of Clean Power Plan

Dear Assistant Administrator Wehrum:


The City of Albany hereby requests a public hearing on EPA's proposed repeal of the Clean Power Plan, 82 Fed. Reg. 48,035 (Oct. 16, 2017). Given EPA's near complete reversal of its position on climate change generally, and Administrator Pruitt's past role in suing EPA to stop the Clean Power Plan, the City is, therefore, submitting this request to you. Because of the importance of the issue of climate change to our City, we also request that in addition to holding a public hearing in Washington, D.C., EPA also hold a public hearing in the San Francisco Bay Area. The EPA will benefit greatly from hearing first hand from local residents the harms we are experiencing from climate change, and why EPA's proposal to eliminate as critical a tool as the Clean Power Plan to address those harms is a serious mistake.

Across the country, Americans are already seeing a changing climate, with hotter annual temperatures, increasingly frequent heavy downpours, more frequent and longer heat waves, and rising sea levels. These trends are projected to continue and even worsen in the coming decades due to higher concentrations of GHGs in the atmosphere caused by burning of fossil fuels and clearing of forests for agriculture. These aspects of a changing climate increase the risks for the people, economy, and infrastructure of cities throughout the country and around the world. Long-term changes in climate mean that when extreme weather events strike, they are likely to be increasingly severe and damaging.

There is an urgent need to take action to face threats to the health of our residents and our natural resources. Albany is leading by example and is committed to our local Climate Action and Active Transportation Plans as a means of continuing our reduction of greenhouse gas emissions

Repealing the Clean Power Plan especially without any commitment to replace it with a better rule to deal with the urgent problem of power plant carbon pollution is a grave mistake. We urge EPA to hold a hearing in the Bay Area so that the agency can listen to feedback on the proposed repeal directly from our residents. If it would facilitate such a hearing, we are ready to work with the agency to find an appropriate location.

Sincerely,

  
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Albany Mayor

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