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RE: Request to Hold a Public Hearing On Proposed Repeal of the Clean Power Plan

Dear Mr. Tsirigotis,

Hip Hop Caucus respectfully requests multiple public hearings on the proposed repeal of the Clean Power Plan – America’s only nation-wide limit on climate-destabilizing pollution from existing fossil fuel-fired power plants. Public hearings will provide an essential forum for communities across the United States to raise concerns related to this deeply harmful and irresponsible proposal. As natural disaster crises become more severe, particularly the wildfires and multiple record setting hurricanes and storms that have occurred in recent weeks, the public deserves to hold lawmakers accountable for reducing efforts to remedy the problem.

It is essential for the public to have locations accessible to a diverse array of impacted individuals to air their concerns and provide input on such a momentous action that will greatly impact our communities and families. These hearings should be held in Washington D.C. and in places across this country where Americans are experiencing the adverse impacts of climate change and the deaths and illnesses caused by power plant pollution.

Prior to issuing the proposed Clean Power Plan in 2014, EPA engaged in extensive outreach to the public to solicit ideas and input on the design of a program to reduce carbon pollution from the power sector. This process stands in stark contrast to the total absence of public hearings that preceded your proposed action. We request transparency in this process and one of the ways you can increase transparency is by holding multiple public hearings across the country.

For this reason, we request public hearings under sections 307(d)(5) of the Clean Air Act on your proposed repeal of the Clean Power Plan. We emphasize that this hearing must provide a *meaningful* opportunity for public participation, just as EPA afforded on the proposed Clean Power Plan – meaning that they must be held in a broadly accessible locations, be scheduled for reasonable durations, and allow sufficient time for individual organizations and members of the public to provide meaningful input.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

For Future Generations,

Reverend Lennox Yearwood Jr.
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