

**Public Testimony of Charlie Jiang, Environmental Defense Fund,
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My name is Charlie Jiang. I am with the Environmental Defense Fund, but I am speaking for myself today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today. I am deeply concerned by EPA’s efforts to unravel critical regulations that protect millions of Americans — including young people like me — from the dangerous effects of air pollution.

I was lucky enough to grow up in a neighborhood that benefited from the past 45 years of EPA’s commonsense clean air protections. I was able to go to school every day, to spend time outside with my friends, and to receive an education and upbringing that enables me to be a productive American. But many of my peers across the country are having a different experience. They suffer from asthma, miss school because the air is too dirty for them to leave their house, or have lost family members due to toxic air pollution. It is crucial to preserve and strengthen EPA’s climate and clean air safeguards to ensure all Americans, regardless of race, geography, age, or income, can enjoy the benefits of a healthy, breathable atmosphere.

Any attempt to undo these so-called “burdensome regulations” are a dangerous and false charade that will only serve to benefit wealthy executives while putting my life and those of millions of my fellow Americans in harm’s way. I urge EPA to uphold and strengthen its critical clean air and climate protections, and listen to the large majority of Americans who support strong regulations to clean up the air we all breathe.