



Toolkit: Repeal of EPA's Endangerment Finding

Introduction and Purpose

The Environmental Protection Agency's finalized proposal to repeal the Endangerment Finding marks the most sweeping attack on federal climate and public health protections in U.S. history. This toolkit equips you with the language, context, and resources needed to speak truth to power, defend science, and mobilize public resistance.

Repealing the Endangerment Finding, alongside the dismantling of greenhouse gas (GHG) standards for passenger cars, trucks, and power plants, is not just regulatory retreat. It is a *deliberate* abandonment of legal duty and an assault on the health and safety of millions of people.

Topline Messaging

- This repeal is a direct attack on the scientific foundation for climate action.
- Without the Endangerment Finding, the EPA forfeits its legal authority to limit climate pollution.
- This is a *choice* to side with polluters over people, and the consequences will be deadly.
- The rollback will result in tens of thousands of premature deaths, more asthma attacks, and widespread climate destabilization.
- This decision ignores decades of science and EPA's statutory obligation under the Clean Air Act.
- It's not reform. It's deregulation at the expense of human lives.

Talking Points

What the Law Requires

- In *Massachusetts v. EPA* (2007), the Supreme Court ruled that EPA must regulate GHGs if it finds they endanger public health or welfare.
- The 2009 Endangerment Finding concluded, based on overwhelming evidence, that GHGs do pose such a danger.
- The repeal ignores the law and guts EPA's duty to act on the biggest public health threat of our time.

What the Science Says

- EPA's own 2024 standards estimated:
 - 7.3 billion tons of CO₂ avoided
 - \$13 billion/year in health benefits
 - 41,000 premature deaths avoided between 2027 and 2055 (light-duty vehicles alone)
- EPA's 2024 truck rule would prevent 1 billion metric tons of GHGs and avoid 41,400 premature deaths through 2055.

The Human Cost

Repealing the Endangerment Finding does more than revoke regulatory authority; it invites widespread harm to public health and human well-being. The scientific record is clear: unchecked climate pollution threatens every aspect of life, especially for frontline communities already overburdened by environmental hazards.

Without the Endangerment Finding, we face:

- **More deadly heatwaves** and dangerously high temperatures that increase the risk of heatstroke, dehydration, and cardiovascular stress.
- **Worsening air quality** and pollution-related illnesses, including asthma, respiratory infections, and premature death, particularly among children and seniors.

- **More extreme weather events**, including flash floods, hurricanes, and wildfires, which destroy homes, overwhelm infrastructure, and intensify trauma.
- **Expanded spread of disease**: Climate instability increases the range and transmission of insect-borne and waterborne diseases.
- **Drought and water insecurity**: Reduced snowpack and salinization of coastal drinking water threaten clean water access and food production.
- **Mental health crises**: Climate-related disasters lead to long-term psychological harm, including anxiety, depression, and PTSD.
- **Disruption of healthcare systems**: Flooded hospitals, damaged infrastructure, and emergency surges compromise access to care when it is needed most.

This is not a distant future; it is already unfolding. And repealing the Endangerment Finding guarantees that these harms will grow more frequent, more severe, and more deadly.

A Dangerous Political Agenda

- Administrator Zeldin openly declared this “the greatest day of deregulation” and a “dagger into the heart of climate change policy.”
 - This is a political project, not a scientific one. **It trades lives for industry profits.**
- It is part of a coordinated authoritarian strategy to weaken democratic institutions and silence scientific authority.

Social Media Package

Use the following sample posts across platforms. Include relevant images, videos, or community stories when possible.

LinkedIn / Facebook / Instagram

Post 1:

Repealing the Endangerment Finding *endangers lives*. This reckless rollback removes the EPA’s legal mandate to regulate climate pollution, threatening air

quality and accelerating the climate crisis. Vulnerable communities will pay the price. #SaveEPA

Post 2:

No Endangerment Finding = No Climate Protections.

This isn't just red tape. It's the foundation of federal climate policy. Without it, rules limiting emissions from power plants, vehicles, and industry are under siege.

➡ Investment in clean energy collapses.

➡ Public health costs soar.

#SaveEPA

Twitter / Threads / Bluesky

Post 1:

Repealing the Endangerment Finding guts EPA's climate authority. It weakens air protections, harms public health, and leaves vulnerable communities exposed. This isn't reform. It's retreat. #SaveEPA #DefendScience

Post 2:

No Endangerment Finding = No climate rules.

Emissions rise.

Pollution spreads.

Health suffers.

The U.S. falls behind while polluters cash in. #SaveEPA

Resources

- [Massachusetts v EPA](#)
- [Call for emergency action to limit global temperature increases, restore biodiversity, and protect health](#)
- [Climate Crisis May Cause 14.5 Million Deaths by 2050](#)
- [Climate Change Drove Western Heat Wave's Extreme Records, Analysis Finds](#)