



Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments



Children's Environmental Health Network



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Dear Representatives McEachin, Haaland, Dingell, Blumenauer, Tonko and Pingree:

The undersigned health and medical organizations support the 100% Clean Economy Act. Under this bill, all federal agencies would use their existing authority to achieve the goal of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. Meeting this goal is essential to protecting public health.

Climate change is a health emergency. The science is clear that communities across the country are experiencing enhanced conditions for ozone pollution, dangerous extreme weather and flooding, wildfires and wildfire smoke, vector-borne diseases, and allergies, and that these impacts will continue to worsen without dramatic action to address climate change.

Children, seniors, pregnant women, low-income communities, some communities of color, people with disabilities and people with chronic disease bear a disproportionate burden of the health impacts of climate change.

We strongly support the 100% Clean Economy Act's goal of reaching net-zero climate pollution by 2050, and its requirement that federal agencies take actions that improve public health, especially among communities disproportionately impacted by air pollution and climate change. The nation must dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions while cleaning up other harmful emissions from polluting sources at the same time. In the electricity sector, this means switching to clean, renewable electricity sources and avoiding sources that add to the burden of air pollution, such as burning biomass.

Our organizations also strongly support the bill's requirement that federal agencies ensure fairness and equity for communities affected by the economic transition, and that they prepare communities for climate change impacts and risks. Communities must have the resources they need to prepare for the health impacts they cannot avoid.

On behalf of our organizations and the patients and communities we serve, thank you for your leadership in protecting public health from the impacts of climate change.

Sincerely,

Allergy & Asthma Network

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American Lung Association

Health Care Without Harm

American Public Health Association

Physicians for Social Responsibility