

3052

Bob Schmeizer 5727114

Clean
AIR
Ambassador

In May¹⁵ 2013 - I was asked to attend 50 States United with Earth Justice to address Clean Air at the EPA & Congress.

FROM PA

PA has studies on the shelf for more than 10 years. Lobbyist contact congress and they threaten EPA with cutting funding. I feel

PA Government follows the same path
Bob Schmeizer 4008 Jordan St South Heights Pa.

Representing The Beaver County Marcellus Awareness Committee

ASKING

The Mission Statement of PA DEP be adhered to
And Article 1 Section 27 of the PA Constitution

2014 JUN -2 PM 3:39

RECEIVED
IRRC

I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about Air Pollution. Then I realized, I AM SOMEBODY!

PA Climate Change Action Plan lacks a specific target for reducing greenhouse gas & pollutants emissions -

Dep says No Target date because No state law exists!

The Action Plan has very little action because of No Target date -

Science before Politics -

Erin Mc Clelland's Plea - Captured My Interest.

Support the EPA's Efforts to Reduce Smog & Soot -

FRACKING.

PA. Constitution Art 1 Sec 27

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address: "A government of the people, by the people, and for the people" Nov. 1863 Blood & Money
one in six people participate in Democracy. Don't vote.

DCNR www.getoutdoorspa.org Increase appreciation and use of parks, forests, and public spaces, while imparting a message of environmental stewardship and healthy living. Get Outdoors PA. Find things to do.

Sierra Club meets PA DEP Pittsburgh Tuesday 27 @ 1pm

Pitt Waterfront Dr. Rooms A & B. Coal - Smog.

Randy Francisco @ sierraclub.org

50 STATES UNITED FOR HEALTHY AIR

We Are Doctors, Tribal Leaders, Nurses, Clergy, Labor Leaders & Parents United
Because All of Us Have a Right to Live in Clean, Healthy and Safe Communities



**50 STATES UNITED
for HEALTHY AIR**
We Breathe as One

SUPPORT A STRONG, CLIMATE CHANGE-RESILIENT USA

Every year, the threats posed by climate change are becoming more apparent, with 2012 being the hottest year on record. The U.S. experienced extreme drought, wildfires in the West, Superstorm Sandy in the East, which left New York City in a state of emergency and much of the Midwest without power for weeks.

In addition to more frequent and extreme weather events, doctors, nurses and other health experts have linked rising temperatures to increased smog—the cause of aggravated asthma attacks, permanent damage to lung tissue, and other lung and cardiac effects. In the U.S., children, the elderly, people of color and the low-income are at the greatest risk of harm.

These findings, among others, led the EPA to conclude in 2009 that climate change endangers public health and welfare and that greenhouse gas emissions, particularly carbon pollution must be controlled. The agency went on to propose a rule to control carbon pollution from the largest source: coal-fired power plants. It is past time for the so-called New Source Performance Standard for new plants to be finalized and the EPA should, in addition, tackle carbon pollution from existing sources without delay. Congress should not stand in the way, but rather provide appropriate EPA oversight that will only help communities that are in harm's way.

- ▶ Please **OPPOSE** all efforts to prevent the EPA from finalizing greenhouse gas emissions standards for new and existing power plants.

IMPROVE AIR QUALITY: SUPPORT THE EPA'S EFFORTS TO REDUCE SMOG AND SOOT

National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) are required by the Clean Air Act to address pollutants considered the most harmful to public health and the environment. The Act requires that these health-based standards be reviewed every five years to ensure they are based on the best available science. Limits on ozone and soot pollution, simply tell us how safe the air is to breathe and communities around the country deserve to know if their air is harmful to their health.

SMOG (OZONE POLLUTION)

In 2010, the Obama Administration failed to update ozone standards. Current ozone limits do not adequately protect human health within a margin of safety. In March 2013, EPA and the Administration again missed the deadline to review and update ozone pollution limits.

Ozone pollution, often called smog, forms when contaminants emitted by coal-fired power plants, automobiles, and industrial facilities combine in the presence of sunlight and heat. The current ozone standard of 75 ppb still poses many health risks—especially for children and senior citizens. These risks include:

- Asthma attacks; extended exposure causes new cases in previously healthy people
- Reduced lung function; wheezing and coughing; permanent damage to lung tissue
- Increased treatment or hospitalization of people with lung diseases, such as asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases (COPD), emphysema and chronic bronchitis
- Increased risk of heart arrhythmias and heart attacks
- Decreased in utero fetal development and an increase in low birth weight babies
- Premature death

Other groups at risk include people with lung disease and individuals who work outdoors. Lowering pollution standards to fit within the range recommended by EPA's independent scientific advisors (60-70ppb) will save the public approximately \$13 billion dollars in avoided health costs with this figure rising to a potential \$100 billion at the strongest limit of 60 ppb. This estimate translates from 4,000 to 12,000 lives saved each year.

- ▶ Please **OPPOSE** all efforts to block or delay EPA from following the law and setting health-protective limits on ozone pollution.

SOOT (FINE PARTICULATE MATTER/PM2.5)

EPA finalized more protective health standards in December 2012.

EPA tightened limits on soot—the most widespread deadly pollutant—by 20 percent. According to EPA projections, the strengthened standard of 12 micrograms per cubic meter will be met by virtually all jurisdictions in 2020 and will save 15,000 lives every year. (American Lung Association).

- ▶ Please **OPPOSE** any effort to block implementation of this finalized standard to curb dangerous soot emissions.

Search for people, places and things

Bob Schmetzer H



Erin McClelland · 58 like this
2 hours ago near New Kensington ·

*Candidate for US Congress
12th Cong District*

As the mother of an asthmatic, I can never fully convey the helpless, horrific sensation of watching your child struggle to take a single breath. For me, pollution is more personal than climate change, its the health of my son. Putting waste into our air hurts my lungs and my son's and we need to find a better way forward. I love you Tristan and I'll never stop fighting for you!

Unlike · Comment · Share

You and 2 others like this.



Write a comment...

*Erin asked to share this story -
724 575 2624*

12th Congressional District Pa -

*Kathy Ujhazy -
I have 3 boys - Two were
raised out of this area and are
healthy. The third was raised next
to a fly ash dump that is exposed.
He has asthma and other illnesses -
Pictures of dump.*

Sponsored

See All

Outfits from Head to Toe
zappos.com



Free Shipping and Free Returns
365 Days a Year on All of Your
Zappos® Purchases

Study Environment Policy



#1 Environmental Law Program
by US News & World. Pursue a
Master's Onlinel Fully acc'd.

ChoosePAWind

CHOOSEPAWIND

www.ChoosePAWind.com
Support the PA wind industry,
sign up your home for PA wind
energy!

Like · Debbie Ziegler Lambert and Maria Payan like
ChoosePAWind.

Oprah's Favorite Cake



Order one of Oprah's Favorite
Things! Moist & Tangy with a
Flavor of Key Lime. Order Now!

Like · 8,379 people like FoodyDirect.

Paris Manhattan



See Woody Allen in PARIS-
MANHATTAN now playing at
Tower Theatre & Regal South
Beach 18!

Like · 323 people like Paris Manhattan.

Facebook © 2013

English (US) · Privacy · Terms · Cookies · More

Chat (7)