

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Andrew Wheeler
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Wheeler,

We write in strong opposition to your series of politically-motivated attacks on the State of California under the false pretense of protecting our air and water. The Environmental Protection Agency's latest accusations directed at the state demonstrate deep hypocrisy, while continuing the agency's pattern of undermining bedrock environmental laws. We urge you to work collaboratively with the State of California to improve air and water quality for our constituents, rather than make idle threats to punish the people and businesses of California.

California has a strong bipartisan record of working to reduce pollutants that harm the environment and the health of all Californians. The state was the first to create emissions standards for automobiles, four years before the enactment of the federal Clean Air Act. State and local governments have shown a commitment to funding important clean water efforts, like Los Angeles County's recent measure that will raise hundreds of millions of dollars to fund stormwater projects. The EPA, on the other hand, has worked to defund key federal environment and public health programs, undermine Clean Water Act protections, weaken fuel economy rules, and revoke California's waiver to set stronger greenhouse gas emissions standards.

The actions of your agency do not match your rhetoric. To point the finger at the State of California while intentionally weakening environmental protections is outrageous and runs counter to the goal of ensuring clean air and water for all Americans. It appears that the White House is not interested in using the EPA's authority to protect public health, but instead weaponizing the agency to target political opponents.

Congress will exercise its full authority to ensure your agency has not acted in an arbitrary fashion. We strongly urge you to rethink your approach to engaging with our state.

Sincerely,



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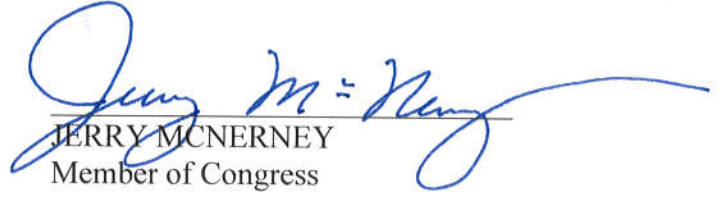


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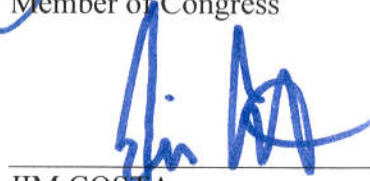

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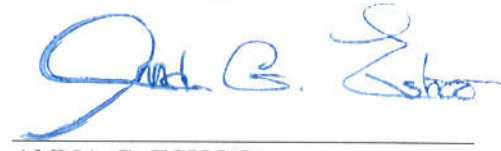

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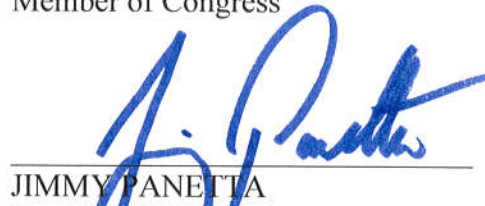

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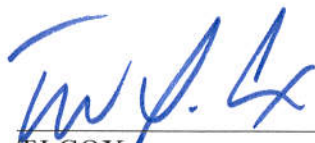

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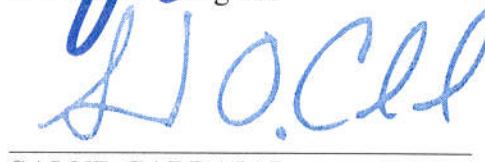

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