

Small Business Petition: Stand with Small Businesses, Not Big Polluters, on New EPA Standards – August 2010

As small business owners, we know our businesses are the backbone of our local economies. We're committed to providing high quality goods and services, and creating local jobs. We're also committed to protecting our shared quality of life, because it's the right thing to do and because it makes good business sense: healthy communities sustain healthy small businesses.

Climate change poses a serious threat to the health of our communities, putting Main Street small businesses' economic future at risk. The Environmental Protection Agency, recognizing this threat to public health, is preparing new standards that will ensure that large emitters of greenhouse gas pollution install the best available technology to limit their emissions. This will not only protect local communities and economies from the perils of climate change, but also encourage investments in clean energy and create green jobs.

The EPA has been protecting American communities from environmental health threats for 40 years. But entrenched special interests – like Big Oil and Big Coal – are lobbying hard to gut the EPA's authority to do its job. We can't let that happen. We call on Congress to stand with small businesses and our communities, not big polluters, and support EPA's move to regulate greenhouse gas emissions.