



Congress: Don't Cut Lifesaving Investments That Communities Are Counting On

In 2021 and 2022, Congress passed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and the Inflation Reduction Act. The grant programs, programmatic spending and tax credits from these laws are preventing asthma attacks, helping communities and expanding access to clean, renewable energy and transportation where people want it. Not only do these investments provide economic benefits to states across the political spectrum, but they are also improving health.

The undersigned health organizations strongly oppose any rollbacks or weakening of IIJA or IRA provisions through budget reconciliation.

In particular, we highlight the following programs and credits that improve health:

Reduced air pollution in schools. IRA included grant funding for schools to make indoor air improvements, reducing sources of indoor pollution and preventing childhood asthma attacks.

Healthier school transportation. IIJA and IRA included funding for school districts, local governments, school bus dealers and more to access cleaner school buses, limiting the cancer-causing diesel exhaust kids breathe. The program has been widely utilized across the country, with every state accessing the opportunity, and drivers, parents and kids love these clean school buses.

Greater consumer choice for vehicles. Consumers across the country can access electric vehicles for the first time through tax credits for both new and used electric vehicles in IRA. This expands consumer choice in vehicle purchases, making cleaner cars more affordable while also helping manufacturers provide more options. Investments in charging infrastructure included in IIJA and IRA are also expanding access.

Expanding energy options. Tax credits for the development and implementation of clean energy technology, including those from IRA, are spurring investments of new projects across the country,

expanding needed new electricity generation in a way that doesn't add pollution to communities nearby.

Cleaning up dirty air at ports. Port communities suffer from some of the worst air quality in the country. Thanks to IRA, port authorities, municipalities and state governments have access to nearly \$3 billion to purchase new equipment that will drive down deadly pollution.

Mitigating catastrophic climate impacts. Methane is accelerating climate change, leading to more extreme storms, fires and weather patterns. The Methane Emissions Reduction Program included in IRA works concurrently with regulations to help oil and gas operators reduce methane leaks.

Investing in community action. Community groups across the country are able to access capital, thanks to IRA, to build flexible programs that reduce emissions, improve air quality, benefit health and foster community engagement.

**The health community calls on Congress to ensure these investments remain funded.
Please reject attempts to undo these lifesaving laws.**

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