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Alderman Burgelis urges EPA to keep greenhouse gas pollution enforcement

Alderman Peter Burgelis today sent the **attached letter** to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), urging the agency to keep the key 2009 legal finding that allows it to regulate greenhouse gas emissions.

The EPA Endangerment Finding, issued in 2009, concluded that greenhouse gas emissions pose a threat to public health and welfare, establishing the legal basis for the EPA to regulate these gases under the [Clean Air Act](#) (CAA). This finding serves as the foundation for regulations on emissions from motor vehicles and other sources. In 2025, the EPA initiated a process to reconsider and potentially rescind this finding, which has faced legal challenges but was upheld by the courts.

The EPA has opened up a comment period on rescinding the finding, and the attached letter from Alderman Burgelis will be included (for the record) in the comments received.

In the letter, Alderman Burgelis writes: “We support EPA’s mission to protect human health and environment. Developing and enforcing regulations is a necessary policy tool to achieve your mission. The 2009 Endangerment Finding is well established in science and Supreme Court precedent. We support its continuation so that EPA can continue to regulate greenhouse gas emissions and hold the worst polluters accountable for better performance.

EPA has a responsibility under the Clean Air Act to address the most pressing air quality issues, including the air quality and environmental threats caused by greenhouse gas emissions. We look forward to this administration not only preserving the Endangerment Finding, but also publicly re-affirming the risks of climate change and your commitment to protecting our communities from polluters.”



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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20460

RE: Comment Period - Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2025-0194

Dear EPA staff,

As elected representatives in the City of Milwaukee, we directly experience the dangers of climate change and associated extreme weather in our community. In August of this year, Milwaukee and our residents experienced historic flooding that caused millions and millions of dollars of property damage in our community to both homes and public infrastructure. This storm prompted a federal disaster declaration by the Trump Administration. It is only one example this year alone of the increasing risk and frequency of weather disasters across America. Climate change induced drought led to out-of-control wild fires in Canada that dramatically reduced air quality this summer. Increasing heat and humidity from climate change are placing chronic stress on our senior's health. Climate change is global issue, and we all need to do our part to address it at the federal, state, and local level, as well as at the international level through American leadership. The science is clear: excessive amounts of greenhouse gasses are a pollutant that endangers our country by contributing to dangerous changes to the climate. We support the EPA's Endangerment Finding under Section 202(a) of the Clean Air Act and **oppose** efforts to undermine it through this docket.

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Sincerely,


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