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Dear Chairman Whitfield and Ranking Member Rush:

Charles D. Connor
President &
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The American Lung Association strongly opposes H.R. 1705 the Transparency in Regulatory Analysis of Impacts of the Nation Act of 2011. This legislation would create additional bureaucracy and review that could delay lifesaving pollution cleanup required by the Clean Air Act. We urge the Subcommittee to reject this legislation.

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The Clean Air Act prevents tens of thousands of adverse health effects caused by air pollution, including asthma attacks, heart attacks and even premature deaths each year. EPA's recent report *The Benefits and Costs of the Clean Air Act from 1990 to 2020* found that cutting pollution through the Clean Air Act will save \$2 trillion by 2020 and prevent at least 230,000 deaths annually. The implementation of the Clean Air Act provides ample opportunity for all interested parties to provide meaningful and substantial comments. Further, the Office of Management and Budget reviews all significant rulemakings and manages the interagency review process.

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H.R. 1705's redundant review of Clean Air Act protections could serve to delay safeguards that are long overdue including the rules to reduce toxic air pollution, curb interstate air pollution and set air quality health standards based the best science. These rules are estimated to prevent tens of thousands of premature deaths and hundreds of thousands of asthma attacks each year. We strongly urge the Subcommittee to reject H.R. 1705 and instead work to support the continued implementation of this vital law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CD Connor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Charles D. Connor
President & CEO

cc. The Honorable Fred Upton, Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce
The Honorable Henry Waxman, Ranking Member, Committee on Energy and
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