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## Health Professionals Rally in Support of Clean Power Plan, Urging Federal Government to Protect Children's Health

**San Francisco, CA (February 28, 2018)** – Volunteer physicians and health professionals representing the American Lung Association joined with other health and environmental groups to declare support for the Clean Power Plan at a rally in San Francisco Wednesday.

The rally was held in advance of a Listening Session hosted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in San Francisco. The U.S. EPA is considering a repeal of the Clean Power Plan, a critical federal policy that sets limits on carbon pollution from existing power plants and would prevent 4,500 early deaths and 90,000 pediatric asthma attacks every year by 2030.

**“Those of us in the medical field see the impacts of air pollution on lung health every single day and now is not the time to take a step backwards,”** said Dr. David Tom Cooke, a thoracic surgeon and volunteer physician with the American Lung Association. **“Federal policies like the Clean Power Plan are critical to reducing the number of asthma attacks, hospital visits and early deaths associated with exposure to dirty air in California.”**

Many of the rally participants provided public comment at the Listening Session hosted by the U.S. EPA. Health professionals presented a unified voice declaring that reducing air pollution and taking action on climate change is critical to the future of clean air and public health in California. The American Lung Association along with two dozen health partners also [submitted a letter to the U.S. EPA urging protection of the Clean Power Plan](#).

Today's Listening Session is one of three planned across the country to collect input ahead of the administration's final decision on whether to repeal the Clean Power Plan.

Californians can still make their voices heard. The U.S. EPA is accepting comments on the proposed repeal of the Clean Power Plan until April 26, 2018. Comments can be submitted online [through the American Lung Association website](#).

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The American Lung Association in California is the leading organization working to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease through research, education and advocacy. The Lung Association is focused on four strategic imperatives: to defeat lung cancer, to improve the air we breathe, to reduce the burden of lung disease on individuals and their families, and to eliminate tobacco use and tobacco-related diseases. For more information about the American Lung Association in California or to support the work it does, call 1-800-LUNGUSA (1-800-685-4872) or visit [www.lung.org/california](http://www.lung.org/california)