

October 15, 2019

United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Member of Congress:

As religious organizations that represent a vast and broad spectrum of the faith community, we write to urge you to oppose the “Affordable Clean Energy” (ACE) rule. This rule would increase carbon pollution, slow progress on clean energy development and decrease air quality.

The EPA’s own analysis indicates that the ACE rule would lead to as many as 1,400 premature deaths annually by 2030 from an increase in extremely fine particulate matter that is linked to heart and lung disease, and up to 15,000 new cases of upper respiratory problems including asthma, a rise in bronchitis, and tens of thousands of missed school days.

God’s creation is sacred and we are called to work for the common good and responsibly steward the gifts of creation while protecting our most vulnerable neighbors. Religious organizations and faithful congregations around the country have placed a priority on protecting God’s creation to ensure the well-being of current and future generations. We are acutely aware of the threats posed by a climate change and air pollution, since our congregations and religious institutions are on the front lines of disaster relief and preparedness, refugee resettlement, and healthcare.

People of faith submitted thousands of comments in opposition to the ACE rule and have consistently advocated for protecting communities from the devastating impacts of air pollution and climate change. As we feel the impacts of climate change across the breadth of our ministries, we expect governmental leadership to help us address the root causes of climate change: greenhouse gas emissions.

We urge you to oppose the ACE rule and to turn instead to addressing the clear and present danger of climate change.

Sincerely,

Catholic Climate Covenant  
Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life  
Creation Justice Ministries  
Evangelical Environmental Network