

## HEALTHY AIR AGENDA

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**Maine families and businesses need healthy air to grow and succeed.** Our health, our economic opportunities, and our quality of life all depend on clean and healthy air. When people are healthy, children do better in school, workers are more productive, and businesses can add jobs because their health costs are lower.

**The path to healthy air is clear.** Following the Healthy Air Agenda will reduce dangerous air pollution; improve the health of children, seniors, and people with chronic heart and lung disease; and lower health costs for all of us.

### SMOKESTACKS

- **Clean up coal-fired power plants.** Coal-fired power plants are a major source of hazardous pollutants and the single largest source of carbon pollution that is linked to climate change. Many of these pollutants, such as mercury, benzene, dioxins, and arsenic can cause cancer and heart disease; harm the kidneys, lungs and nervous system; and even kill.

### TAILPIPES

- **Clean up gasoline and vehicles.** Toxic emissions from cars and light trucks are a major source of dangerous air pollution. We need to improve pollution standards for passenger vehicles by reducing the amount of sulfur in gasoline and setting tighter pollution limits on new vehicles.

### RESEARCH & ENFORCEMENT

- **Fund the infrastructure that ensures healthy air.** The EPA, along with state and local air pollution agencies, are essential parts of the national infrastructure that monitors and cleans our air and protects the health of our communities. Adequate funding will enable them to measure air quality effectively, implement critical air quality programs, and meet national clean air goals.

### NO WEAKENING OR DELAYS

- **Fully implement Clean Air Act rules and standards.** Without the Clean Air Act, millions would be put at risk of more asthma attacks, reduced lung function, complications from lung disease, and even premature death. Congress must oppose all attempts to roll-back, weaken, block, or delay the Clean Air Act's life-saving protections.

**Senators Collins and King, Representatives Michaud and Pingree:**

**Stand up for Maine kids. Sign on to the Healthy Air Agenda.**

*The Maine Healthy Air Coalition is a group of more than 50 statewide and local health care and public health organizations. We are concerned about Maine's air quality because air pollution doesn't respect state borders.*

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