

Good afternoon,

The American Lung Association is grateful for the opportunity to comment on the ongoing work of the Governor's Council on Climate Change. We appreciate the Council's ongoing commitment to healthier air through fewer emissions. As we have seen in our annual State of the Air Report, regulations like RGGI and the Clean Air Act have made large and measurable impacts on unhealthy ozone days and spikes in particle pollution – but we still have room for improvement. To this end we urge the Governor's Council to consider the strongest emissions reduction target possible.

Connecticut is reliant on the work of this Council to reduce emissions to improve our health. Across Connecticut, there are hundreds of thousands of adults and kids with asthma. Fewer emissions will prevent asthma attacks and exacerbations, reduce emergency room visits and the risk of death. The list of vulnerable populations is long: the elderly, the young, those with asthma, COPD, lung cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and those in poverty, and these populations are just the most susceptible and covered in our State of the Air Report. Those who work or exercise outside are also at greater risk – but ultimately, we all rely on, and deserve, healthy air.

We urge you, the Governor's Council on Climate Change, to adopt the most aggressive target for emissions reduction possible. Thank you for your continued work to improve the air quality and health of CT residents.

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