



Mothers & Others for Clean Air Public Policy Guidelines

This document is intended to highlight policy priorities and guide Mothers & Others advocacy initiatives. All people are entitled to breathe healthy air and to be free of the adverse health effects of air pollution. Mothers & Others is especially concerned with effects of air pollution on the health of children, their families and others vulnerable to poor air quality. Mothers & Others' public policy priorities are divided into four areas: air pollution, clean energy, pollution mitigation infrastructure, and climate change.

Reduce Air Pollution:

Mobile Sources

- Support policies to reduce air pollution through vehicle technology, alternative fuels, pollution control equipment and efficiency measures for existing vehicles.
- Support reduction of sulfur levels in all gasoline, diesel, aviation, and marine fuels, and reduction of toxic air pollutants from all mobile sources.
- Promote transportation strategies that improve mass transit, lessen the use of single occupancy vehicles, and reduce vehicle miles travelled.

Stationary Sources

- Support strict enforcement of power plant air pollution regulations. Urge the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to adopt and enforce stringent emissions control regulations for these sources.

Monitor Enforcement and Regulation of Air Quality:

- Support the expansion and maintenance of the monitoring network to adequately detect and track air pollution.
- Oppose efforts that will result in air emissions which have a potentially harmful effect on health.

Promote Clean Energy:

- Support policies that advance the use of the cleanest and most fuel-efficient energy resources and technologies.
- Support the growth of renewable energy sources as well as the development of measures that prevent air pollution from these alternative energy choices.

Protect the Clean Air Act:

- Defend and strengthen the Clean Air Act and its health-based National Ambient Air Quality Standards to protect the health of all including populations most at risk.
- Protect funding for EPA clean air programs.

Fight Climate Change:

- Support efforts to reduce emissions that contribute to climate change, including policies that establish binding limits on emissions, expand energy conservation and increase use of clean, renewable energy sources.