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1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
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Re: Request for Public Hearings on Proposed Repeal of Clean Power Plan

Dear Assistant Administrator Wehrum:

By this letter, the City of Seattle hereby requests public hearings on EPA's proposed repeal of the Clean Power Plan, 82 Fed. Reg. 48,035 (Oct. 16, 2017). In light of Administrator Pruitt's prejudgment of the legality of the Clean Power plan, we are submitting this request to you, the head of the relevant agency within the EPA. Because of the importance of the issue of climate change to and the leadership role of Seattle and King County, we request that the EPA hold a public hearing in Seattle.

EPA has previously held public meetings in Seattle on agency actions, including on the original development of the Clean Power Plan. As this proposal may recommend significant changes to the policy, we request this public hearing to give the public, as well as our region's many business, maritime, environmental and other stakeholders, an opportunity to provide comment. EPA Region 10 is headquartered in Seattle, making this a natural convening location for the Pacific Northwest.

Seattle and King County are both on the forefront of addressing climate change and at significant risk to the impacts of flooding and sea level rise, extreme heat and summer wildfires, damage to our marine ecosystems and more. The City has led, as home to the first carbon neutral utility in the nation and enacting leading building standards. We have committed to carbon neutrality by 2050 and pledged to aggressively remove fossil fuels from vehicles and buildings around the city. With a focus on equity, Seattle can offer a pathway to addressing the causes of climate change while managing growth in a major city.

Repealing the Clean Power Plan—especially without any commitment to replace it with a better rule to significantly reduce carbon pollution from power plants—would be a grave mistake and threaten the health of communities around the world. We urge the EPA to take the time to listen to the people of our region, and take their views into account before moving to repeal this life-saving policy.

Sincerely,



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