

S.J.Res. 27 - AN ASSAULT ON CLEAN AIR

The Clean Air Act is one of the most successful public health programs in American history – with a return of more than \$30 in benefits for every dollar invested in pollution reductions over the life of this law. In 2010 alone, reductions in fine particle and ozone pollution under the Clean Air Act prevented an estimated:

- **160,000** cases of premature mortality
- **130,000** heart attacks
- **86,000** hospital visits
- **13 million** lost work days
- **1.7 million** asthma attacks

Since its enactment in 1970 and subsequent amendment in 1990, both times with strong bipartisan support, the Clean Air Act has improved the Nation's air quality and protected the health of this country's citizens. Forty years of success have demonstrated that strong environmental protections and strong economic growth go hand in hand. S.J.Res. 27 would undermine this progress by blocking EPA's ability to move forward with the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule, which would reduce harmful air pollution that threatens public health, especially the health of the most vulnerable populations, including children and seniors. Each year, this rule would avoid up to tens of thousands of premature deaths, prevent tens of thousands of heart attacks and thousands of hospital visits for respiratory and cardiovascular disease, and alleviate hundreds of thousands of childhood asthma attacks and other respiratory illnesses. EPA estimates that this rule will yield hundreds of billions of dollars in net benefits each year. S.J.Res. 27 would block this rule and would jeopardize these public health and economic benefits.

Cross-State Air Pollution Rule

CSAPR will help ensure that American families aren't suffering the consequences of harmful air pollution generated far from home. Facilities have until March 1, 2013, to comply with the rule, which slashes millions of tons of harmful smokestack pollution in communities that are home to 240 million Americans. By leveraging widely available, proven and cost-effective control technologies, CSAPR will achieve up to \$280 billion in annual health benefits starting in 2014, including the annual prevention of up to:

- **34,000** premature deaths
- **15,000** nonfatal heart attacks
- **19,000** cases of acute bronchitis
- **400,000** cases of aggravated asthma
- **1.8 million** sick days

Support for Stronger Air Pollution Standards to Protect Public Health

"[The CSAPR] is an important and long overdue step to protect the health of Americans and clean up our environment. It's a huge win-win. We praise EPA for its continued efforts to help create stronger, healthier and more productive communities for ourselves and our families." - **Dr. Georges C. Benjamin, The American Public Health Association**