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With thousands now being fired in the Federal EPA, with the pesticide industry taking the reins of regulating pesticides, and our clean air, water, soil, food and access to healthcare all under attack, we the citizens of individual states must take a firm stand to protect our children. We must demand a right to protect our drinking water, the air we breathe, the food we eat, our magnificent land and all all the creatures upon it.

I live in the "arsenic zone" in Portland, Oregon. For decades, a glass company burned arsenic, lead, cadmium, chromium and even some uranium in its furnaces without filters. We neighbors living nearby were the human filters for their pollution- the glass company got richer and richer while we citizens breathed their toxins- our children played in fields, went to schools and ate from gardens containing high levels of toxic heavy metals. We have had many cancers, birth defects, and even deaths which may well have been related to these toxins and certainly at the least were exacerbated by them. We had to fight very hard to get proper filtration and monitoring on this factory. Humans should not be sickened just so others can get richer. Responsible caring businesses can thrive without harming their neighbors. Let's put this into law and make safe drinking water, safe air, safe food and a healthy ecosystem a constitutional right.