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OPINION

EPA rollbacks falsely justified, will harm Americans

Both environmental threats and anti-science propaganda were spread by the EPA administrator when he recently announced reckless cutbacks in critical public safeguards. [See: <https://lnkd.in/dU78M2q6>]

“Today is the greatest day of deregulation our nation has seen. We are driving a dagger straight into the heart of the climate change religion to drive down cost of living for American families ...” said EPA Administrator Zeldin.

Aside from the negligence of eliminating restrictions on heat-trapping emissions that cause rising temperatures, Zeldin attacks well-established science by depicting concerns about climate change as a religion. Moreover, he falsely asserts that dismantling these protections will benefit the public, hiding the actual truth that EPA cutbacks will help polluters – foremost the fossil-fuel industry – not American families.

Some trillion dollars in damage has been caused by extreme weather events since 1980 and a third of these have occurred just in the past five years. That means the public will be paying far more through the loss of EPA protections and suffering worsening hardships in the years ahead because of eliminating additional EPA climate actions already budgeted and approved by Congress.

In his deceptive claims, EPA’s Zeldin omits billions of dollars in added medical bills, insurance costs, and property damage that will burden Americans as a direct result of these irresponsible reductions. Removing EPA protections will leave millions of households and businesses financially stranded because of costly hazards to health and property, plus loss of income caused by flooding, wildfires, and poorly regulated pollution.

Concerned citizens are well-advised to contact their elected officials in Washington to oppose these illegal program reductions.

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