

# *E-Letter or E-postcard*

## *Messages to your legislative leader*

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### **Send an e-letter to your elected officials**

#### **General CEHJ Message**

*All children deserve clean air, clean water, safe food & products, and healthy places to live, learn & play. Join us on 10/12 to celebrate all of the Childrens Environmental Health wins from this year. We need your legislative action to maintain the momentum. Protect our kid's health now. #CEHday [cehday.org](http://cehday.org)*

#### **Lead:**

*October 12<sup>th</sup> is Children's Environmental Health Day! Together we can achieve a society where all children have access to clean air and water, safer and healthier foods, and healthy learning environments. We applaud the NY State DEP pilot that replaced over 600 service lines. But there is more to do. Please continue to replace the lead service lines that disproportionately impact the Latinx communities and children already at risk as identified in Dr. Nigra's research. We have the funds. Use the infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act funds, (\$115 Million). We can end lead poisoning. [cehday.org](http://cehday.org) [Columbia University EHS](http://Columbia University EHS)*

#### **Environmental Health and Justice- Disparities among Communities of Color**

*Did you know? An estimated 34% of children's chronic illnesses and developmental challenges are caused by environmental factors. These impacts are not distributed equally. Environmental hazards are disproportionately concentrated among communities of color due to enduring, pervasive racist policies like redlining. These harms disproportionately affect children in lower-income families as well as Black, Latinx, Indigenous, and other children of color. Improving our children's health depends on righting these environmental injustices. Together, we can build a healthier, safer, more equitable future for all children. Stand with us on Children's Environmental Health Day on Thursday October 12th: [cehday.org](http://cehday.org)*

## **Air Pollution - CEHJ**

*Approximately 30.6 million children live in U.S. counties with unhealthy levels of air pollution. Of these children, approximately 2.3 million have asthma. Black children are 3X as likely to have #asthma compared to white children. Black Americans are nearly 3X more likely to die from asthma than white Americans. We urge you to support policies to reduce air pollution and end the disparities.*

*[cehday.org](http://cehday.org) [Source](#)*

*16,000 premature births per year in the U.S. are attributable to air pollution. It is imperative we work to reduce air pollution. As our leaders we need you to take legislative action now. [cehday.org](http://cehday.org) [Source](#)*

## **Climate Change**

*Children under 5 bear 88% of the global burden of disease due to climate change. Those most at risk include children of color, those living in poverty, those with pre-existing illness or disability, infants and pregnant women. We need your legislative action now. [cehday.org](http://cehday.org) [Source](#)*

*Montana state court decided in favor of youth claiming state promotion of fossil fuels violated their right to healthy environment. One of the strongest court-issued climate decisions issued yet. New York State must stand with Montana and issue strong environmental justice legislation to safeguard our children and families' environmental health. We can do this! #CEHday [cehday.org](http://cehday.org)*

## **Toxic-free environments & products**

*Children in the U.S. are exposed to thousands of chemicals every day through food, drinking water, air pollution, and consumer products. Of over 84,000 chemicals in use in the U.S., many can be found in toys and everyday products, and most are untested with a number of children's health concerns, including childhood cancer which has increased by 34% since the 1970s. We need you to support chemical safety policies and support state and federal bans on toxic pesticides. [cehday.org](http://cehday.org)*