



Information on the EPA Endangerment Finding

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EPA Changing the Rules on Emissions

- The "Endangerment" Finding gave the basis for regulation of greenhouse gas emissions
- The EPA just announced that it will rollback this finding, despite mounting evidence to support this finding.
- EPA will no longer set limits on vehicle emissions



What is the Endangerment Finding

In 2007, the Supreme Court decided:
The Clean Air Act allows the Environmental Protection Agency to regulate greenhouses gases because they qualify as air pollutants
Massachusetts v. EPA, 549 U.S. 497 (2007)

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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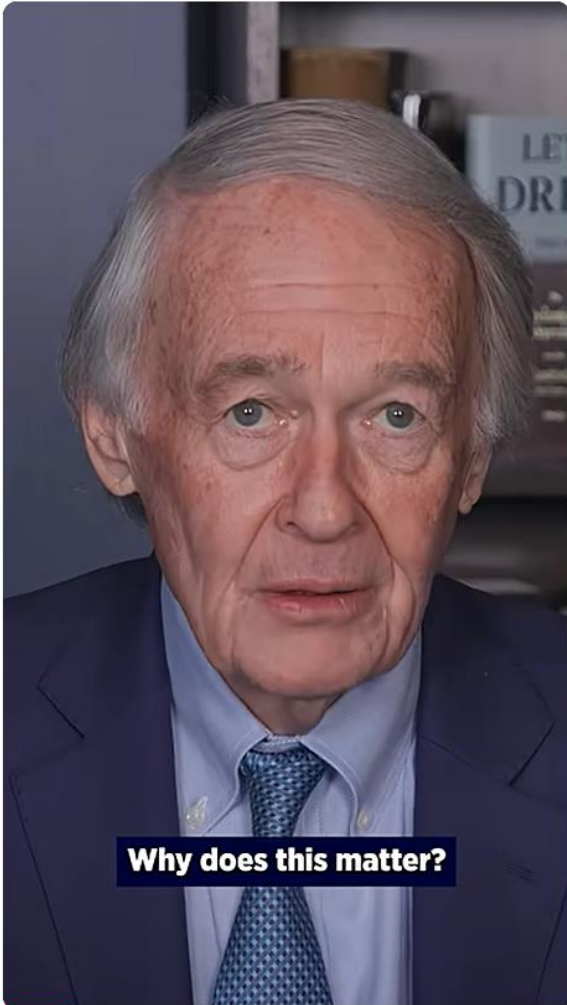
MASSACHUSETTS ET AL. *v.* ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ET AL.

CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

No. 05–1120. Argued November 29, 2006—Decided April 2, 2007



What State Leaders Are Saying



Sen. Ed Markey

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection & Department of Public Health Commissioners

“By rolling back the endangerment finding, the Trump Administration is dismantling one of the most important tools we have to protect public health. We cannot ignore the simple fact that vehicle pollution is bad for people, bad for our environment and bad for our economy”



Conservation
Law Foundation

Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell



“EPA’s unlawful rescission of the 2009 Endangerment Finding shows just how far this Administration will go to grant favors to polluters—ignoring clear Supreme Court precedent, basic facts, and decades of scientific research, all at the expense of our health and welfare. “

“Two decades ago, the Massachusetts Attorney General’s office led the fight to force the federal government to protect the American people from the proven dangers of greenhouse gas emissions, and we will lead once again against the Trump Administration’s attempt to walk away from that responsibility. **I’ll see them in Court.**”

“Taking away the endangerment finding doesn’t protect families — it abandons them. The Trump administration is trying to negate basic science. Fossil fuels cost households hundreds of dollars a year in energy bills and billions more in extreme weather repairs. And they cost us our lives and our planet. Now that the EPA has set this process in motion, we are prepared to stand together, challenge this reckless, profits-over-people decision, and hold the administration accountable by every means necessary.”

Lawsuit by Environmental Groups

Lawsuit filed in DC Circuit Court on 2/18/2026 challenging the EPA ruling

- American Public Health Association
- Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
- American Lung Association
- Center for Biological Diversity
- Center for Community Action & Environmental Justice
- Clean Air Council
- Clean Wisconsin
- **Conservation Law Foundation**
- Environmental Defense Fund
- Environmental Law & Policy Center
- Friends of the Earth
- Natural Resources Defense Council
- Physicians for Social Responsibility
- Public Citizen
- Rio Grande International Study Center
- Sierra Club
- Union of Concerned Scientists

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Lawsuit by MA Attorney General

Lawsuit filed on 3/19/2026

- Andrea Joy Campbell, Attorney General of MA and a coalition of 24 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and 12 cities and counties in DC joined together to file the lawsuit.

More information:

[AG Campbell Challenges Unlawful Rescission of Landmark 2009 Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding](#)

[24 States Sue the E.P.A. for Renouncing Its Power to Fight Climate Change](#)

[Massachusetts sues EPA over repeal of 'endangerment' finding central to climate fight](#)