

EPA Endangerment Finding Rollback Public Hearing - Training & Materials Packet

Thank you for signing up to participate in the upcoming hearing hosted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA has proposed rolling back the endangerment finding, which requires the EPA to protect people from the pollution that causes climate change and its impacts. The endangerment finding is rooted in strong science, including thousands of studies from organizations like the National Academy of Sciences, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and others.

EPA must hear from as many people as possible who oppose any plans to roll back the endangerment finding.

The purpose of the public hearings is to provide the public an opportunity to comment on EPA's proposed rollback. Industry representatives and allies will also use these hearings to push their agenda in support of EPA's proposed rollback. We must ensure the voices opposed to the rollback are the loudest in the room. We appreciate you taking the time to let the EPA know where you stand and we look forward to working with you to ensure your testimony is impactful.

In this packet, you will find the following materials to help you prepare for the hearing:

1. [What to Expect at the Hearing](#)
2. [How to Prepare Testimony](#)
3. [Talking Points and Background](#)

What to Expect at the Hearing

- Here is a [link](#) to the official announcement of the hearing and instructions for hearing registration are below.
- The hearing is virtual and scheduled for **August 19th and 20th, 2025** with potential for a third day on August 21st.
- **To register, please email EPA-MobileSource-Hearings@epa.gov. Registration is open.**
- Accommodation requests, must be made by August 12 2025 by email (EPA-MobileSource-Hearings@epa.gov).
- All attendees (including those who will not be presenting verbal testimony) must register. If time allows, EPA will provide an opportunity for public hearing attendees who did not preregister to provide oral testimony.
- The time limit is 3 minutes for each person presenting testimony.
- Plan to show up in advance so you can make sure you have access to the virtual room

and to get a sense of what the hearing is like before you are called. They may be running ahead of schedule.

- Be prepared for a wait. Depending on the number of speakers, there may be a delay.
- You will speak to a panel of EPA officials who are there to listen and to take notes. The panel members may ask you clarifying questions about your comments, but will not respond to the statements at that time.
- After you have finished providing your testimony, you are free to leave or stay to hear others comment if you wish.

How to Prepare Testimony

Plan on speaking for no more than 3 minutes:

- Remember: 1 minute = about 150 words. Plan your comments for no more than 450 words.
- Write your comments down and practice them so you are familiar with what you want to say.

Outline for your public comment

- **Introduction:** Introduce yourself. Explain why you are there.
 - o For example: "Thank you for the opportunity to testify. My name is [your name here] [You can also include your job title, where you're from, or other expertise or affiliations you have] and I am here today to express my strong opposition to the EPA's proposed rollback of the endangerment finding. The endangerment finding concludes that climate change endangers public health and welfare for current and future generations. Here in [YOUR STATE], we are already seeing the devastating impacts of climate change, including extreme weather and warmer temperatures. Climate change and its impacts are here, now - it is impossible to deny. EPA's proposed rollback is incredibly dangerous and harmful. I urge you to retract this proposed rollback and keep the endangerment finding because of its critical role in addressing climate change, and protecting the health and wellbeing of people across the nation and world.
- **Your personal reason for testifying:**
 - o Use examples from your own life to show why you think action to combat climate change is important – it will make your testimony memorable. The agencies would prefer to hear about your specific personal concerns rather than just hear the same talking points repeated. You can discuss local extreme weather impacts, the impacts of climate change on public health, environmental or economic concerns, or why you believe the endangerment finding is important for environmental justice – or any other reason that made you decide to testify.

- o For example: “I’m here because I’m concerned about...”
 - **Describe the benefits of strong standards:**
 - o Below are some short talking points on this proposal – feel free to incorporate a few of these points that you feel are most relevant to support your personal reason for testifying.
 - o Don’t worry about including highly technical information. There will be experts on this topic attending each hearing to discuss the technical aspects of the standards.
 - **Conclusion:** Reiterate your position and thank the panel. Ex: *That’s why I am deeply concerned about EPA’s proposed rollback. EPA must retract this proposal and maintain the endangerment finding to protect our climate, communities, and current and future generations. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.*
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Talking Points and Background

Please refer to the talking points toolkit [here](#).