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I am writing in support of the EPA's draft Interim Framework for Advancing Consideration of Cumulative Impacts. But! Please ensure that enforcement and accountability remain at the core of this policy. We need strict oversight, or else polluters will continue harming vulnerable communities -- community of color, low-income populations, and other historically marginalized groups -- with little to no consequence.

Current regulations fail to address the compounded health and environmental consequences these communities endure. Chronic exposure to multiple pollutants has been linked to increased rates of asthma, cardiovascular disease, and cancer. This Framework is a crucial step forward, but without strong safeguards, industry loopholes will allow polluters to continue endangering public health and widening disparities.

I urge the EPA to strengthen enforcement measures within the Framework to ensure that environmental justice is not just an aspiration, but a reality. Thank you for your commitment to protecting public health and the environment.

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