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Dear Administrator:

As a registered nurse, I am writing in support of the work scientists at the EPA are doing to research cumulative impacts and keep our communities safe and healthy.

Cumulative Impacts are the risks and impacts caused by multiple pollutants, both in isolation and through their interaction with each other and any social vulnerabilities that exist in a community. These pollutants are usually emitted by multiple sources located within or near a community. Our community is disproportionately exposed to many harmful chemicals in our homes and workplaces, facilities in our neighborhoods that actively pollute the air and water, and legacy pollution in our community's water, soil, and food chains. Health stressors that systemic racism and unjust public policies often intensify: barriers to getting good food, existing health conditions, and poor access to health care, all contribute to Cumulative Impacts.

We support the work that scientists at EPA are doing to assess and reduce cumulative impacts, now more than ever. It's an approach that will make people safer and healthier, and for communities like ours it can be a matter of life and death.

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