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On April 15, in a huge win for public health, a federal Appeals Court reaffirmed the Environmental Protection Agency's authority to protect the public by setting limits on mercury, arsenic, and other pollutants from power plants. Big polluters and climate deniers in Congress have launched every attack in the book to stop the Administration from implementing lifesaving and commonsense safeguards on public health, but once again the EPA's authority, granted under the federal Clean Air Act and upheld by the US Supreme Court, has been defended by the highest courts in the land.

Currently we protect public health from mercury, arsenic and soot, but there are no federal limits on carbon pollution. Hopefully, that will come with the proposed EPA standards for new and existing power plants which are currently being considered.

This is important because we have an obligation to our future generations to address the causes and impacts of climate change.

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