

YOU'RE ON THE WRONG TRAIN: How the TRAIN Act (H.R. 2401) Has Changed Since its Introduction

The version of the TRAIN Act (H.R. 2401) the House is scheduled to vote on the week of September 19th¹ is significantly different from the version that was introduced. The introduced version simply required a committee to study Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards. However, after being amended in Full Committee by Rep. Whitfield (R-KY), the TRAIN Act is a completely different animal. **Indeed, the current version of the TRAIN Act, in contrast to the introduced version, could *permanently block* two clean air safeguards—the Mercury and Air Toxics standards, which limit mercury and other toxic air pollution, and the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule, which curbs smog and soot pollution from power plants that crosses state lines. These standards are long overdue and would save tens of thousands of lives and avoid over two hundred thousand asthma attacks *every year* once they are implemented.**

The version of TRAIN originally presented for co-sponsorship is NOT the bill that will now come before the House.

Introduced Version	Floor Version
Requires a committee of federal agencies to study a specific list of standards issued by EPA concerning air, waste, water, and climate change, including the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule and the Mercury and Air Toxics standards.	Same.
Only allows the committee to consider costs when conducting its review, thus ignoring the enormous health benefits of EPA's standards.	Same.
Does not overturn current Clean Air Act requirements.	Indefinitely blocks EPA's Mercury and Air Toxics standards and Cross-State Air Pollution Rule by eliminating <i>any legal deadline</i> for action by EPA. Further, prohibits EPA from adopting the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule for a minimum of 19 months, and the Mercury and Air Toxics standards for a minimum of 15 months.
Does not eliminate legal deadlines for action on the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule and Mercury and Air Toxics standards.	Eliminates deadlines for action on the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule and the Mercury and Air Toxics standards under current law. Includes language superseding existing Clean Air Act compliance provisions.

¹ For the current version of the TRAIN Act, visit:
http://www.rules.house.gov/Media/file/PDF_112_1/legislativetext/HR2401%20commtx.pdf.