

“BIG DAY” TV AD: COMMON-SENSE SAFEGUARDS AT RISK

AUDIO	CITATION
<p>Everyday, we trust that our families and kids will be safe...</p> <p>That our children will be safe in their beds...</p> <p>That our children will be safe in the car on the way to school...</p> <p>That our homes and workplaces will be safe from Asbestos...</p> <p>We trust that when our kids play soccer the air they breathe will be healthy — and the water they drink will be clean.</p> <p>We trust their grandparents will be safe on the plane they take when they come to visit.</p> <p>And we trust that our food will be safe from contamination.</p>	<p><i>Executive Orders targeting new or existing safeguards:</i></p> <p><u>EO 13771</u> : Requires elimination of two existing regulations in order to promulgate one new one, along with limiting the net cost of new regulations without regard to benefits. Existing regulations to be repealed could include basic protections. [NRDC, <u>2/1/17</u>; Washington Post, <u>1/30/17</u>.]</p> <p><u>EO 13777</u>: Adds “Regulatory Reform Officers” and task forces charged with, among other things, identifying existing regulations and protections for modification or repeal with little regard for benefits. [Reuters, <u>2/24/17</u>.]</p> <p><u>EO 13778</u>: Orders review of the Clean Water Rule. Agencies responded by proposing outright repeal of the rule. [NRDC, <u>2/28/17</u>; Washington Post, <u>2/28/17</u>; NRDC <u>6/27/17</u>]</p> <p><u>EO 13783</u>: Orders dismantling of many actions to reduce climate change, as well as a general review of any existing regulations and protections that could potentially impact energy production. [NRDC, <u>3/28/17</u>; Washington Post, <u>3/28/17</u>]</p> <p><i>Examples of Actions taken by Trump Administration agencies to delay, weaken or repeal protections:</i></p> <p><u>Making it harder to regulate toxics</u>: The EPA – against concerns by career staff – recently released new policies and rules that will make it harder to regulate toxics. [NRDC, <u>6/22/17</u>; Politico, <u>6/22/17</u>; Law360, <u>6/28/17</u>.]</p> <p><u>Delaying ozone protections</u>: EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt recently moved to universally delay, for one year, letting people know whether their air is safe to breathe under current ozone standards. [E&E, <u>6/27/17</u>; Federal Register, <u>6/28/17</u>]</p> <p><u>Postponing decision to ban neurotoxic pesticide</u>: EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt rejected EPA scientists’ recommendation to ban the neurotoxic pesticide chlorpyrifos on food crops, delaying action until as late as 2022. [NRDC, <u>4/5/17</u>; New York Times, <u>3/29/17</u>]</p>

	<p><u>Proposed budget cuts to food safety</u>: The administration’s budget proposal includes major cuts to a variety of programs, including food safety. [EWG, 5/24/17; Food Safety Magazine, 3/17/17; New York Times, 5/23/17]</p> <p><i>Legislation targeting new or existing safeguards – each of these has passed the House:</i></p> <p><u>H.R. 5</u>; <u>S.951</u>: Would firmly tip the scales against the completion of any new safeguards. [NRDC, 1/10/17 (H.R. 5), 5/3/17 (S. 951)]</p> <p><u>H.R. 26</u>: Would allow a single chamber of Congress to block any new safeguard, and as passed requires affirmative approval of <i>all</i> existing protections – any not approved would be eliminated by default. [NRDC, 1/4/17; E&E, 1/6/17]</p> <p><u>H.R. 998</u>: Would establish a commission to identify and offer for repeal any existing rules and safeguards, and require eliminating existing protections before establishing new ones. [E&E, 2/14/17]</p>
Fair enforcement of common-sense safeguards keeps our families safe...	<p>In addition to the bills above, which could affect regulations relating to enforcement, the <u>Trump budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2018</u> would substantially cut enforcement budgets at some key agencies. [E&E, 5/23/17; NY Daily News, 5/6/17; Washington Post, 5/29/17; Financial Times, 5/29/17]</p>
Unfortunately, Donald Trump and the Republicans in Congress are working with corporate lobbyists and special interests who want to undo safeguards and their enforcement.	<p>See above for relevant actions, bills and budgets; below are examples of letters from corporate lobbyists and special interests supporting these bills and budgets:</p> <p><u>US Chamber of Commerce</u>; <u>Petroleum Marketers Association of America</u>; <u>Americans for Prosperity</u> (and here); <u>National Association of Home Builders</u>; <u>Club for Growth</u></p>
<p>We can’t let Trump and the Republicans put corporate profits ahead of our health and safety...</p> <p>... because our loved ones should come first.</p>	