

**Committee on Energy and Commerce**

**Opening Statement as Prepared for Delivery  
of  
Member Janice D. Schakowsky**

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Thank you Mr. Chairman. We've been here before—and many of us are concerned about the children in our communities who have bad air to breathe. This is a serious problem, and it seems to me for us not to develop a strong understanding of what is happening to our children and putting more pollution into the air. Why are we doing that? To make it better for various corporations and so they can do what they want. I care about the children. There are—in my community right now—who are breathing bad air as it is, and to make it even worse is unacceptable. I yield back.