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Congressman Benishek Supports Gutting the Clean Air Act

*Two thousand Michiganders' lives on the line each year
due to short-sighted attacks on the EPA*

MICHIGAN – Last week, Congressman Benishek helped the U.S. House pass the TRAIN Act ([HR 2401](#)) - the first in a suite of attacks on public health safeguards outlined in Majority Leader Cantor's Fall Agenda.

The TRAIN Act delays two critical clean air safeguards for reducing toxic air pollution from power plants that would save over 2,000 lives per year in Michigan*: the Mercury and Air Toxics Standard and the Cross State Air Pollution Rule. If enacted, this would give polluters a free pass and lead to increased health care costs for Michigan families already struggling to make ends meet.

“Endangering the health of Michigan families will not create jobs or jumpstart the economy, yet Congressman Benishek has voted for toxic legislation that would block the EPA's efforts to protect Americans from dangerous air pollution like mercury, smog, and soot,” said Lisa Wozniak, Executive Director of Michigan League of Conservation Voters.

For more information on this and other pieces of lethal legislation being considered in Congress to block the EPA from protecting the air we breathe and water we drink check out dirtysecrets.org.

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*Source: EPA, Regulatory Impact Analysis for the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule, (CSAPR), and EPA, Technical Support Document: “Analysis of State and County-Level PM2.5 Benefits.”