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TESTIMONY-GIVERS & EXPERT AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS DURING CLEAN CAR STANDARDS HEARING

(Pittsburgh, PA—Tuesday, September 25, 2018)—President Trump’s Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Department of Transportation have released a plan [[“SAFE Vehicles Rule”](#)] to roll back America’s clean car standards—critical measures that are already delivering the safe, clean, fuel-efficient cars that our families want and need. They are helping us protect our children’s health and future by fighting climate change.

To defend these lifesaving standards, members of **Moms Clean Air Force** will be offering testimony at the public hearing in Pittsburgh (see details below). As parents, will be standing strong in our opposition to any weakening of the greenhouse gas and fuel efficiency standards for cars. Rolling back these standards would force parents into dirtier, less-efficient cars, and would be a direct attack on the health of our children.

We invite members of the media to speak with our expert and testimony-givers for interviews during the hearing.

WHO:

Edward C. Ketyer, M.D. is a father of three boys and the founding physician of Pediatric Alliance, PC where he provided direct patient care from 1990 until 2017 when he retired. He continues to work with Pediatric Alliance, including writing and editing the [The PediaBlog](#) every day. Dr. Ketyer has a special professional interest in development pediatrics and preventive medicine. As a resident who lives and works in the Marcellus Shale gas patch in southwestern Pennsylvania, Dr. Ketyer has been [outspoken](#) about poor air quality and pollution linked to fugitive methane emissions coming off the growing shale gas infrastructure. Dr. Ketyer is concerned that children—his patients—their parents and grandparents would suffer a needless double whammy if there were any weakening of the clean car standards.

[Dr. Ketyer hails from Pittsburgh’s South Hills]

Trisha Sheehan is a mom of three who became a clean air advocate overnight when her family was exposed to a chemical spill near her hometown in New Jersey. Trisha knows first-hand how air pollution knows no boundaries and must be curbed with the help of elected leaders in order to protect the health of our children. Trisha serves as the National Field Manager for Moms Clean Air Force.

[Trisha hails from Haddon Heights, NJ]

Anais Peterson is a 20 year-old clean air and climate justice organizer in the city of Pittsburgh focused in particular on the the impacts of natural gas and petrochemical industries in South West PA. She is a full-time student at the University of Pittsburgh where she organizes with Fossil Free Pitt Coalition; a coalition of 50 student clubs and organizations calling for the university to divest its endowment out of fossil fuels. Most recently, Anais organized the Pittsburgh sister march of the This is Zero Hour youth climate march with 350Pittsburgh in July which mobilized some 100 young people and residents to call for climate justice. Here is a recent [profile](#) of Anais.

[Anais originally hails from the O'Hara township]

Amy Nassif is a mother of two school-aged children who works as a physical therapist at a local retirement community. Amy became a strong advocate for limiting unconventional natural gas drilling (UNGD) near schools in 2014 when a drilling site was proposed near her daughters' schools. This experience prompted her to create the Mars Parent Group which focuses on research and community education on UNGD development. Amy has provided testimony locally, in the state capital, and internationally.

[Amy hails from Mars, PA]

[EXPERT] **Molly Rauch** is a mom of three and public health policy director for Moms Clean Air Force, where she directs national campaigns that address the health impacts of pollution. Molly recently penned an [op-ed](#) in The Hill urging US automakers GM, Ford and Chrysler to support America's clean car standards.

[Molly is based in Washington, D.C.]

NOTE: Molly will available by phone whereas all testimony-givers listed above will be on location in Dearborne, MI for either in-person or by-phone interviews.

WHEN: Wednesday, September, 26th 2018

WHERE: The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel & Suites Pittsburgh Downtown,
One Bigelow Square, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

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