

ACTION ALERT: Protect Funding for Clean Air, Clean Water, and Healthy Habitats Critical programs that protect the



integrity of our air, soil, water, and the habitats that sustain all living creatures are at risk.



As Congress considers a budget for 2026, proposals across the government would make deep cuts to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Clean Water and Drinking-Water State Revolving Funds, Superfund cleanup and environmental justice programs—rolling back progress on safeguarding public health and creation care. These cuts could result in increased pollution of our air,

contamination of our water and degradation of the habitats creation calls home. As people of faith, we are called to steward creation so that all life may flourish. Programs that protect clean air, restore soil health, provide safe drinking water and safeguard habitats for wildlife are essential for the well-being of our neighbors, human and nonhuman alike.

As the ELCA social statement <u>Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and</u>
<u>Justice</u> cautions, "Our current practices may so alter the living world that it will be unable to sustain life in the manner we know." [The heart of this social message claims that climate change presents humanity with a <u>kairos moment</u>; that is, a critical moment in time when God is leading us into decisive action.]

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