



## *Shielding Students from Wildfire Smoke Act*

As wildfires become more frequent and severe, the smoke they generate is exposing millions of Americans to toxic air—including our most vulnerable populations.

Toxic air pollutants from wildfires threaten millions of American children every year. Yet many of the places where they learn and play—our schools and childcare centers—lack clear policies to protect them during or after wildfire smoke events. No child should be forced to breathe hazardous air in the places they learn and grow. We need clear, science-based protocols that keep every child safe, no matter their ZIP code.

The **Shielding Students from Wildfire Smoke Act** directs the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to enter into a contract with National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) to conduct a comprehensive national study to:

- Assess current standards, guidance, and mitigation strategies for wildfire smoke in K-12 and childcare settings, including during out-of-school or out-of-childcare activities;
- Identify gaps in research and policy relating to such standards, guidance, and strategies; and
- Make recommendations to Congress for better protecting children during and after wildfire smoke events, including children in under-resourced K-12 educational and childcare settings.

We need clear, science-based policies that protect our children from risks related to smoke exposure. Every single child deserves to have a safe, healthy place to learn and grow.

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