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## **ACTION ALERT: US EPA and the FY18 Federal Budget Children need you! Speak up for healthy children and healthy schools!**

**ACTION 1: Sign on letter to support EPA's FY 18 Budget. [Read the letter](#) and [sign on](#).**

**ACTION 2: Speak to your elected officials and or attend a local Town Hall meeting.**

**We need a budget that promotes healthier schools and healthier children.** Over the summer break, contact key elected officials who are in their local district offices meeting with constituents or holding Town Hall meetings.

- **\$1/child:** Urge support for \$1/child enrolled in PK-12 schools and childcare, at EPA in FY 18. This will leverage EPA's capacity to educate and train education leaders and others on caring for school buildings, hosting symposia, addressing children with environmental exposures, and assisting with researching legacy toxics in facilities.
- **Rebuild America's Schools Act of 2017 (HR 2475):** Ask your member of congress to co-sponsor this bill that seeks \$100B over ten years, \$70B to fix school buildings and \$30B for broadband access.

### **Sample Phone/Meeting Script**

Ask for the staff person handling environment issues, or ask to meet with your representative in person.

SAMPLE SCRIPT: Hello, my name is **XX** and I am a constituent and children's environmental health advocate in your [state/district]. I am calling today [*on behalf of name of organization*] to urge senator/representative **XX** to restore and expand US EPA's resources used to protect children from environmental exposures in educational facilities and to urge that Senator/Congressperson co-sponsor HR 2475, Rebuild American's School Act. Thank you for your attention to my request, and I look forward to hearing senator/representative **XX's** position.

**[Leave your name, home address and phone number so the office can follow up with you.]**

### **To find Senators and House members' contact information:**

- Senate websites: [www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm](http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm)
- House of Representative websites: <http://www.house.gov/representatives/>

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