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Trump's a threat to our health, environment

In a presidential debate dominated by outright lies, one lie was particularly disturbing: "I want crystal-clean air and water," President Donald Trump claimed. Yet every action taken by his administration endangers the air we all breathe and the water we drink and puts our health and that of our planet in jeopardy.

This president and his administration have a record of denying climate change, ignoring or muzzling scientists, and rolling back hundreds of Environmental Protection Agency regulations that protect our air and water. By refusing to limit the burning of fossil fuel and failing to protect our natural environment, they have done nothing to negate the crisis before us. We are witnessing raging climate fires in the West that are taking lives and polluting the air, making many sick with respiratory and other serious health conditions. More than 60 percent of Americans live in areas with dangerous air quality that threatens their health.

Clean air and water are a human right, and they are under immediate threat. This nurse and environmental activist is voting for the candidate who understands science and the urgent need to fight for a future in which protecting clean air and water for all and fighting climate change are an urgent priority.

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