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TRANSIT > POLLUTION

Air pollution is estimated to cause as many deaths per year as traffic accidents. Transportation is the second largest source of climate change inducing emissions in the United States.

Investing in and using public transit is one of the best ways of combating pollution. Riding a bus, train or trolley rather than driving a car significantly reduces air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

- Riding public transit reduces the emission of 156 million pounds of nitrogen oxides, which can cause respiratory disease.
- Communities that invest in public transit curb the nation's carbon emissions by 37 million metric tons annually: equivalent to if New York City; Washington, DC; Atlanta; Denver; and Los Angeles combined stopped using electricity.
- Buses emit 80 percent less carbon monoxide than a car. Rail transit emits almost none.
- Public transportation offers an immediate alternative for individuals seeking to reduce their energy use and carbon footprints.
- U.S. public transportation saves 4.7 billion gallons of gasoline annually.

**CONTACT YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS
TO TELL THEM YOU WANT BETTER TRANSIT**

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