

By a 43-point margin, Americans favor the EPA updating air pollution limits according to a new [bipartisan survey](#)

released today. The revelation runs counter to Republican efforts to pass a number of amendments that would weaken Clean Air standards and endanger the health of Americans.

From the poll:

- **69 percent** of Americans say they favor the EPA updating standards with stricter limits on air pollution. 26 percent oppose – a 43 point difference.
- **68 percent** believe Congress should NOT stop the EPA from updating these standards. 28 percent say Congress should stop the EPA – a 39 point difference.
- **79 percent** support stricter limits on the amount of Mercury that power plants and other industrial facilities can release. 18 percent oppose – a 61 point difference.
- **77 percent** favor stricter limits on the amount of smog that power plants, oil refineries and other industrial facilities can release. 21 percent oppose – a 56 point difference.
  
- **77 percent** favor stricter limits on the amount of carbon dioxide that power plants and other industrial facilities can release. 21 percent oppose – a 56 point difference.

The GOP's 'So Be It' spending bill decimates our government's commitment to clean air and water, energy efficiency and innovation. This approach is out-of-touch with the American people, puts our families and businesses at risk, and stymies U.S. competitiveness in the world economy. That's why I voted against it.