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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S ATTACK ON CLIMATE PROTECTIONS

- WHEREAS,** The Trump administration has announced plans to repeal the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) "endangerment finding;" a foundational rule recognizing greenhouse gases as a threat to public health and welfare under the Clean Air Act; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** This reckless move would strip the federal government of its primary legal authority to limit and regulate climate pollution from vehicles, power plants, and industry, threatening decades of environmental progress; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** Experts warn the repeal will increase pollution, cause thousands of premature deaths, and disproportionately harm communities like East Boston, Dorchester, South Boston, and others that bear the brunt of environmental injustice; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** As sea levels rise and extreme weather worsens, stripping EPA authority is not only dangerous, it is economically disastrous, saddling cities like Boston with skyrocketing costs for healthcare, infrastructure, and disaster recovery; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** This repeal abandons the bipartisan legacy of environmental protection and directly undermines the civil rights of frontline communities that have long fought for clean air and water; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* (1962) warned that unchecked industrial pollution threatens both nature and human health, catalyzing the modern environmental movement and the eventual creation of the EPA in 1970; *and,*
- WHEREAS,** Dismantling the EPA's authority serves no purpose other than appeasing polluters at the expense of public health, safety, and climate resilience. It erodes decades of progress and reduces the U.S. to a reactive posture in the face of immense global climate change; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED,** That the Boston City Council strongly condemns the Trump Administration's repeal of the EPA's climate rule and urges the 119th Congress to immediately reverse this attack on environmental protections.