

Climate change is an urgent and unprecedented crisis. Our governmental systems were not set up to deal with it at the speed and scale that is necessary to protect human life and a livable future. The EPA must use every tool available to carry out its mission: to protect human health and the environment. Where the EPA has faced challenges regulating greenhouse gasses through the Clean Air Act, it should now attempt to do so through TSCA. We will not make the progress we need at the speed we need to avoid harmful impacts to human life if we only use incentives for change, as is happening through the Inflation Reduction Act. These incentives must be paired with regulations that limit and control our emissions, which could be accomplished through TSCA. EPA should know this; it is obvious from the decades of lawsuits and fights with industries that they will not regulate themselves. Superfund sites would never be cleaned up if companies only received incentives to do so. We need regulations that require companies to clean up their messes, which are then enforced by EPA. Therefore, EPA must act to control greenhouse gas emissions in combination with the incentives in the Inflation Reduction Act in order to secure a livable future.