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H. R. 5604

To prohibit any reduction, consolidation, or termination of offices and activities related to science research within the Environmental Protection Agency.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McEACHIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Healthy Environment
5 for Children Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF REDUCTION, CONSOLIDATION, OR**
2 **TERMINATION OF THE NATIONAL CENTER**
3 **FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH OF THE**
4 **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Envi-
6 ronmental Protection Agency—

7 (1) may not reduce, consolidate, or terminate
8 the National Center for Environmental Research;
9 and

10 (2) shall take such actions as are necessary to
11 ensure that—

12 (A) no reduction, consolidation, or termi-
13 nation occurs with respect to the activities de-
14 scribed in subsection (b) that is not otherwise
15 required by law; and

16 (B) each activity described in such sub-
17 section is carried out to the full extent provided
18 by law.

19 (b) PROGRAMS AND RESEARCH AREAS.—The activi-
20 ties under this subsection include all intramural grants,
21 extramural grants, and research carried out by the Na-
22 tional Center for Environmental Research, including—

23 (1) research and grants to protect the health of
24 children and adults from chemical exposure;

25 (2) funding for the Science To Achieve Results
26 program that provides grants given to Children's

1 Environmental Health and Disease Prevention Re-
2 search Centers;

3 (3) research intended to reduce children's
4 health risks from environmental factors;

5 (4) research on air pollution, climate change,
6 and air quality and their impacts on children and
7 adults, including expecting mothers and newborns;

8 (5) research on water quality, availability, and
9 potential contaminants that could affect the health
10 of children;

11 (6) safer chemical research grants supporting
12 the development of innovative science to support
13 safer, more sustainable use of chemicals in consumer
14 products;

15 (7) research grants to protect ecosystems and
16 the air and water resources that provide numerous
17 benefits for humans;

18 (8) sustainability research to understand the
19 conditions under which humans and nature can exist
20 in productive harmony to support present and future
21 generations; and

22 (9) grants, fellowships, or competitions related
23 to any of the 6 research programs supported by the
24 Office of Research and Development, including the
25 Small Business Innovation Research program, the

- 1 Science To Achieve Results program, and the Peo-
- 2 ple, Prosperity and the Planet program.

