Transportation offers access to important goods, services, and opportunities. But our current transportation system, powered by petroleum-based fuels, comes with substantial costs to our health and to the environment.

Healthy transportation policy can reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution. It can also address equitable access issues, in addition to providing numerous health co-benefits, such as those gained from increased physical activity through active public transportation.

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In today’s ongoing policy gridlock at the federal level and the Administration’s rollback of efforts to address climate change, state legislatures have the potential to lead the way—or halt progress—when it comes to transportation and climate change.

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**WHAT HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN DO**

- Talk to your legislators
- Write an op-ed
- Testify on a bill as a medical expert
- Engage in other advocacy opportunities

**TO PROTECT HEALTH, WE NEED TO:**

**SUPPORT policies that:**

- Set goals or targets for reducing transportation-related emissions and reducing vehicle miles traveled
- Increase funding and planning for public transit, such as transit-oriented development policies
- Increase funding and planning for active transportation options such as bicycling and walking
- Increase the use and distribution of electric vehicles, like policies that provide publicly accessible charging stations, and those that provide enhanced purchase incentives for low- and moderate-income people
- Regulate motor vehicle emissions
- Promote cleaner fuels, including low carbon fuel standards

**OPPOSE policies that:**

- Increase funding for roads and highways without substantial increases for public transit and active transportation options
- Reduce funding or planning for public transit or active transportation options
- Prevent the state or local governments from building a healthier transportation system
- Roll back motor vehicle emission requirements
- Repeat or prohibit clean fuel standards

**WE HAVE RESOURCES TO HELP YOU ADVOCATE**

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