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Bob Marshall's Sept. 29 column "Losing track of environmental health matters" points out that President Donald Trump's EPA plan to rescind the agency's 2009 findings that greenhouse gas emissions are harmful to human health, which will end the U.S progress on reducing emissions. My organization, LSU Office of Environmental Health and Safety, feels strongly against President Trump's plan to rescind these findings. We agree with Marshall's assessment of the situation because of how dangerous greenhouse gasses have been in our own parish with "Cancer Alley".

Cancer Alley has been a detriment to Baton Rouge natives for decades as we continue to burn fossil fuels which emit greenhouse gasses. Removing findings that support that greenhouse gasses are harmful to human health is plain and simple not right. When "Human Rights Watch" did surveys in the local area they found crucial evidence that shows the effects these emissions produce and they should not be overlooked. According to Human Rights Watch, Cancer Alley residents spoke about the conditions of their family and the impact on their health, including miscarriages, the poor health of newborns, respiratory ailments, and cancer. All of these things have led to the death of friends and family.

If we as humans do not start to take control of this problem, it can snowball into something we won't be able to stop. President Trump's plan to rescind these findings is a step in the wrong direction for our community and nation. As a nation we must come together and solve this as one.

The LSU Office of Environmental Health and Safety believes that we must overcome this for our local natives. For if we do not face this now, more cancer, miscarriages and impacts on health will occur. If you want to get involved and help solve this problem call LSU Office of Environmental Health and Safety at 225-578-5640

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