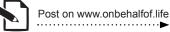


## HOW TO SUBMIT A PUBLIC COMMENT ON BEHALF OF LIFE

STEP 1: CHOOSE A LOCAL EXPERT	
Pokeweed (Legal Consultant) Galinsoga (Nutrition Specialist) Staghorn sumac (Ecosystem Modeling Researcher Associate) Greater celandine (Environmental Health Scientist) Broadleaf plantain (Chief Safety Officer) Wandering sailor (Heat Stress Researcher)	<ul> <li>☐ Common milkweed (Human-Insect Relations)</li> <li>☐ Sticky bedstraw (Rapid Response Soil Protection Manager)</li> <li>☐ Mugwort (Rhizome Biologist)</li> <li>☐ Lambsquarters (Economist/Impermeable surface remediator)</li> <li>☐ Asiatic dayflower (Herbicide Resistance Branch Analyst)</li> <li>☐ Princess tree (Heat Reduction and Air Toxicology Consultant)</li> </ul>
STEP 2: DRAFT YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT	
	en the door for corporate and private interests to conduct
Are you stuck? Take some time to be vegetal! How can you listed the plants? You can even look for your plant expert there! Look on with, or just sit quietly with it? You might be surprised what you he	n edges, on borders, in cracks. Maybe you can move with, breath

## Finalize your comment



STEP 3: VISIT WWW.ONBEHALFOF.LIFE AND SUBMIT YOUR COMMENT TO THE US EPA



Submit to the US EPA SEPA





# DECODING THE PROPOSED "STRENGTHENING TRANSPARENCY IN REGULATORY SCIENCE" RULE

### WHAT'S THE PROPOSED RULE?



A US EPA regulation intended to <u>strengthen</u> the transparency of EPA regulatory science. The proposed regulation provides that when EPA develops regulations, including regulations for which the public is likely to <u>bear the cost of compliance</u>, with regard to those scientific studies that are pivotal to the action being taken, EPA should ensure that <u>the data underlying those</u> are <u>publicly available</u> in a manner sufficient for <u>independent validation</u>.

Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OA-2018-0259

Source: https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OA-2018-0259-0001

Critics say [this rule] will permanently weaken the EPA's ability to protect public health<sup>1</sup> Studies including confidential health information have been under attack by industry groups and lawmakers for decades despite no evidence of their flaws<sup>3</sup>

Analysts estimate pollution-control measures would save \$20 billion a year in health costs and lives saved<sup>2</sup>

EPA's new transparency rule has hidden pro-industry agenda...aimed at preventing epidemiological studies that have highlighted health dangers<sup>4</sup>

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