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### **Statement from the NYPH Board of Directors on the EPA's Rescinding of the 2009 Endangerment Finding**

New York Passive House (NYPH) strongly opposes the Environmental Protection Agency's decision to rescind the 2009 Endangerment Finding, which is the foundation for critical regulations on carbon emissions across multiple sectors. This decision threatens to destabilize supply chains, slow decarbonization in the energy and transportation sectors, and harm public health through increased exposure to air pollution and the worst effects of climate change.

The building sector is fundamentally interconnected with energy and transportation infrastructure. While Passive House buildings dramatically reduce energy consumption, they still require clean energy and transportation infrastructure to achieve zero emissions, especially in urban settings. Achieving NYPH's vision of a zero-emission building sector requires effective policy and regulations aimed at eliminating emissions in the energy and transportation sectors—a goal for which the EPA Endangerment Finding is critical. We know this because we have all witnessed the transformation that has occurred since its adoption: science-driven policy, rooted in a sound regulatory framework, allowed the market to adopt clean energy systems and low-emission or electric vehicles at an unprecedented pace.

The Passive House community values science broadly and understands the critical role that building science plays in eliminating the harmful emissions causing anthropogenic climate change. Data-driven, consensus-derived science, led the EPA to make the 2009 Endangerment Finding, and the current administration's decision to rescind it is an affront to our fundamental commitment to evidence-based policy. NYPH is calling on federal leaders to uphold policies grounded in credible science and long-term risk management, this includes acts of Congress to codify the Endangerment Finding.

In the absence of strong federal action, state and local governments and industry groups must lead with clarity and resolve. NYPH calls on New York State, New York City, and municipal leaders nationwide to uphold science-based climate policy, strengthen building and energy regulations, and advance decarbonization efforts that protect public health, market stability, and climate resilience. State and local leadership is now essential to counterbalance federal retreat and ensure continued progress toward our common goals for the future.

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