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Attached is my January 14, 2020 EPA Science Advisory Board Comment, which strongly supports the Supplemental Proposed EPA Rule "Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science." My Comment includes my detailed independent March 28, 2017 Dose-Response reanalysis of the 1982 ACS Cancer Prevention Study (CPS II) cohort. My reanalysis found no robust relationship between fine particulate matter (PM2.5) and total mortality in this cohort, contrary to the positive relationship found in the seminal March 1, 1995 AJRCCM Pope article. No errors have been identified in my reanalysis in the three years since its publication and my reanalysis has been strengthened by my May 29, 2018 response to December 13, 2017 criticism by Pope and ACS. I have identified serious problems in what EPA defines as "pivotal regulatory science": the dose response data and models in the CPS II cohort that were largely responsible for the establishment of the 1997 EPA PM2.5 NAAQS. Finally, my Comment documents the importance of independent access to underlying data and transparency in regulatory science and it challenges the scientific validity of EPA PM2.5 regulations.

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