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'The great leap backward'

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Elizabeth Grossman, author of *Chasing Molecules* and *High-Tech Trash*, writes on the Huffington Post blog about the current effort in Congress to roll back environmental and occupational health and safety regulations in order to make American industry competitive with those in China.

"Seeking to lower production costs and boost per dollar productivity, U.S. companies have routinely sought locations with lower wages and less stringent environmental and occupational health and safety regulations. This has been true for some time, but now House Republicans are pushing to rollback standards ostensibly to make us more competitive with China. As we listen to these arguments, it's worth considering what environmental and working conditions in China actually are."

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