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Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. arrives on stage at the inaugural Make America Healthy Again summit on Nov. 12 in Washington. ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

HIGH HOPES DASHED

EPA promised a Make America Healthy Again agenda. It has yet to materialize, frustrating activists

By Matthew Daly and Ali Swenson
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WASHINGTON — Last December, after Make America Healthy Again activists drew up a petition to get him fired, Environmental Protection Agency administrator Lee Zeldin pledged to release a formal agenda of MAHA priorities that his agency would pursue, including protections against harmful chemicals and other health concerns.

But eight months after its first mention and after repeated promises it was being drafted, the so-called MAHA agenda is nowhere to be found. When asked for a status update this week, an EPA spokesperson said MAHA is an ongoing effort, not a single report.

The apparent reversal on the release of a formal environmental health agenda is the latest in a cascade of disappointments for Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s MAHA movement, who say they've lost faith that the Trump administration will take any significant action on pesticides, chemicals or other issues they view as key to address America's chronic disease epidemic. It also reflects the EPA's relentless rollback of environmental regulations even in the face of pressure from an important voting bloc that has supported President Donald Trump.

"I had really hoped that there would be specific steps that were taken through a MAHA agenda," said activist Kelly Ryerson, whose social media account "Glyphosate Girl" focuses on nontoxic food systems. "We haven't had any of the wins that



A blue rectangular piece of microplastic sits on the finger of a researcher with the University of Washington-Tacoma environmental science program, after it was found in debris collected from the Thea Foss Waterway, in Tacoma, Wash., May 19, 2010. ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

we were requesting."

Many in the diverse coalition of MAHA activists that Trump credits for helping him win back the White House say they plan to vote on issues over party in November's congressional elections, raising the political stakes of their increasingly public tensions with the Republican administration.

"People are done with the profits of corporations being prioritized over public health," said Alexandra Muñoz, a molecular toxicologist who collaborates with activists on certain issues. "And I think that will have an important role in the midterms."

MAHA IS FRUSTRATED WITH EPA'S ACTIONS

"Trump's EPA," as Zeldin frequently calls the agency, has vigorously pursued a deregulatory agenda. Earlier this year, Zeldin proposed overturning the landmark finding that climate change is a threat to human health. He moved to roll back dozens of environmental regulations in what he called "the greatest day of deregulation our nation has seen," froze billions of dollars for clean energy and upended agency research.

At the same time, Zeldin has touted

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SENATOR DIES AT 71

Graham was a close Trump ally and foreign policy hawk

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WASHINGTON — Sen. Lindsey Graham, one of President Donald Trump's closest allies in Congress who traveled the globe to advocate for a more aggressive U.S. foreign policy, has died after a "brief and sudden illness," his office said. He was 71.

The statement posted on social media early Sunday said his family "appreciates prayers at this time and asks for privacy during this incredibly difficult period." It did not provide any additional details about the circumstances surrounding the Saturday night death of the South Carolina Republican, a former Air Force lawyer who served in Congress for three decades.

Trump, who talked to Graham frequently, said he was "like a member of the family. It's very tough." He said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that Graham had called him on Saturday night after returning from a trip to Ukraine and "sounded a little bit tired, but perfect." The president ordered that flags

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U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., talks near an exhibition of damaged Russian vehicles in central Kyiv, on July 10. EFREM LUKATSKY/ASSOCIATED PRESS

PA. GOVERNOR RACE

Where Garrity, Shapiro stand on marijuana, hemp

By Jaxon White
SPOTLIGHT PA

HARRISBURG — Voters who have strong opinions about whether Pennsylvania should legalize adult-use marijuana will find a clear divide between the major gubernatorial candidates this year.

Since taking office in 2023, Democratic Gov. Josh Shapiro has asked the General Assembly to create a recreational marijuana program run by the state Department of Agriculture in each of his yearly budget proposals. The tax revenue would help the state pay for rising healthcare and education costs.

Republican challenger Stacy Garrity, who serves as state treasurer, says she would veto any such bill that cleared the Legislature.

But recreational use isn't Pennsylvania's only cannabis-related policy debate. The

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How to talk about money with your kids

By Adriana Morga
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NEW YORK — At the grocery store, Jamie Corum sets a two-minute timer for her 10-year-old daughter to look around. Then she resets it to 10 minutes so her daughter can choose one thing to buy, making sure she considers her budget and how much tax she'll have to pay.

Corum and her wife have made it a priority to teach financial lessons to their three children, using engaging activ-

ities to encourage their interest in topics like saving and budgeting.

"My goal is for them to have a healthy relationship with money and not have insecurities," said Corum, an Austin, Texas-based cybersecurity professional.

Not everyone feels as confident. Money can be a difficult conversation, especially if parents don't feel totally comfortable with the topic themselves. But Jennifer Seitz, director of education at Greenlight, a family personal

finance app, said that's starting to change.

"This generation is really committed to doing better for their kids even though a majority of parents don't feel equipped," Seitz said.

There are more banking products available to help parents think about their children's financial futures, including debit cards for kids that can be used under parental supervision and apps that gamify money to make it approachable for kids.

Some people actually start

learning while they are parenting, like Naseema McElroy, a nurse who became a money content creator. When McElroy's oldest daughter was a year old, she felt inspired to learn more about personal finance to pay off debt. As she learned more, she started to share her knowledge with friends and then a wider audience online.

"I started just from wanting to share the lessons that I was learning about money with my friends because I felt like we

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Jessica Edgar-Corum, her daughter Ivy Edgar, 10, and wife Jamie Corum prepare dinner at their home on June 29 in Pflugerville, Texas. JOEL ANGEL JUAREZ/ASSOCIATED PRESS

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