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August 1, 2014

The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

We write to express our concerns regarding the public hearings the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) held July 29 – 31 pertaining to new proposed regulations for existing power plants. These hearings took place in Washington, D.C., Atlanta, Denver, and Pittsburgh. These cities are large urban areas, several of which are hundreds of miles from the communities that will be most impacted by this flawed proposal. It is deplorable that the EPA has not scheduled public hearings in communities that will lose thousands of jobs if these overreaching regulations are adopted.

The proposed EPA regulations will require existing power plants to cut their production by 30% over the next 15 years. The Partnership for a Better Energy Future, a coalition of business organizations representing over 80 percent of the U.S. economy, stated that in addition to significant legal questions regarding the proposed rule's viability, the mandate is "fundamentally incompatible with numerous practical and technical aspects of America's electricity system."

These reduction mandates are not only unrealistic, but they will cause significant job losses and be extremely detrimental to economic growth throughout the nation. American families are projected to lose almost \$600 billion in disposable income as a result of this new proposed rule. All of this economic harm and destruction for our economies will only result in an estimated 1.8% reduction of global carbon-dioxide emissions by the year 2030.

Proposed regulations by this Administration have already forced more than 200 different plants out of business. This latest proposal will only exacerbate that problem and it deserves greater public scrutiny as a result. The U.S. economy can't afford to lose 226,000 jobs and \$50 billion each year as the President and your Agency pursue an overreaching climate change agenda by any means and all costs necessary.

We demand the EPA hold additional public hearings in states like West Virginia, Kentucky, Wyoming, Texas, Alabama, Illinois, Ohio, North Carolina, Arkansas, North Dakota and Arizona to hear from hardworking Americans who are already struggling to survive on thin margins and will be hit hardest by these burdensome new requirements. The Administration has a responsibility to engage, inform, and, most importantly, listen to these very citizens. These

limited hearings, however, fail to address this responsibility. Recent media reports describe many stakeholders, including several who are openly opposed to the new regulations, being denied the opportunity to speak at hearings despite signing up early. It is clear that the demand by the public to be more involved in this process is beyond the capacity provided by the four hearings scheduled in what appear to be politically chosen metropolitan areas.

The Administration's war on coal must cease and you must stop picking winners and losers to appease a radical agenda. It is far past time your agency embrace a true all-of-the-above energy policy that includes access to wind, solar, hydropower, geothermal, oil, natural gas, nuclear and coal.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our request to gather additional input from actual stakeholders before finalizing this proposal. We urge to you schedule the requested hearings at your soonest convenience.

Sincerely,



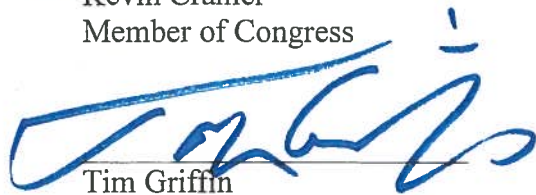
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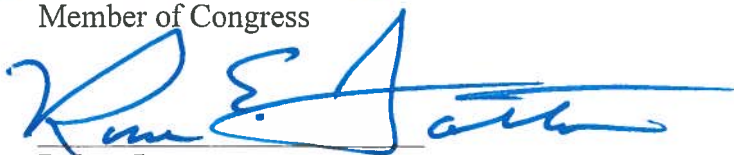
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