

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

It is our understanding that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be moving forward with a draft proposal to regulate greenhouse gases from existing power plants as soon as June 1st. Given the controversy and ongoing debate regarding the costs and benefits of this proposed regulation, we are respectfully writing that you do not move forward with the draft proposal at this time.

Energy that is cost-effective and drawn from diverse resources is indisputably a positive input to any economically prosperous society. In the United States, we have benefited from a diverse and abundant energy supply, one that includes coal and natural gas as well as nuclear and renewable energy. We have also prospered as a country because the costs of this energy have remained low, allowing businesses and families to use their income not to pay high electricity bills but to invest in their company or pay for college tuition. Unfortunately, while the overall benefits of any draft proposal are questionable, the economic and social costs of further regulating our electricity industry will undoubtedly increase costs for consumers and businesses. According to some estimates, such a proposal on existing power plants, when combined with other regulations already being put forth by the Administration, could cost 600,000 jobs and an aggregate decrease in gross domestic product by \$2.23 trillion. Even more notably, it could cost a family of four more than \$1,200 per year.

As public officials, we have a duty to weigh the costs of any policy, whether legislative or administrative, against the expected benefits. Unfortunately, we do not see a proper balance on the EPA's decision to move forward on regulating greenhouse gases from existing power plants and, for this reason, ask that you do not move forward with the draft proposal at this time.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.



Respectfully,



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