



Partnership for a Better Energy Future

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

The Partnership for a Better Energy Future (the Partnership), a coalition of business organizations representing over 80 percent of the U.S. economy, writes in strong support of H.R. 2042, the Ratepayer Protection Act of 2015, a bipartisan bill sponsored by Representative Ed Whitfield (R-KY).

Established in January 2014, the Partnership's fundamental mission is to promote an "all-of-the-above" energy strategy that ensures the continued availability of reliable and affordable energy for American families and businesses. The Partnership totals 177 members, which include national organizations as well as state and local associations in 36 different states. All are united by widespread concerns that proposed carbon regulations on power plants—as well as EPA's broader GHG regulatory agenda—present a significant threat to American jobs and the economy.

These threats are well-documented. For example, a recent study by NERA Economic Consulting found that EPA's proposed "Clean Power Plan" would impose between \$366 billion and \$479 billion in compliance costs, which would be passed along to businesses and consumers in the form of double digit percentage electricity rate increases in more than 40 states. EPA's own analysis shows that the proposal would force the closure of up to 49 gigawatts of coal-fired power plant capacity—equivalent to 15 percent of all nationwide coal capacity.

States, which would be responsible for implementing EPA's proposal, have detailed widespread shortcomings with the pending rule. Officials from more than two dozen states have asked the EPA to withdraw its proposal, citing concerns such as higher energy costs, threats to reliability and lost jobs. Officials from more than two dozen states have stated that EPA's proposed rule goes well beyond the agency's legal authority under the Clean Air Act, and more than a dozen states have already joined in a lawsuit against the rule.

The Ratepayer Protection Act addresses these concerns in a balanced and reasonable manner, restoring certainty for businesses while giving states a greater say in the regulatory process. The legislation allows the judicial review process to conclude before requiring states to develop implementation plans, and prevents states from being forced into implementing the rule if doing so would have significant adverse impacts on ratepayers.

These are commonsense solutions that would serve to uphold the spirit and intent of the Clean Air Act and prevent disruption to the affordable and reliable electricity that provides the backbone of the American economy. We urge all members to vote in support of H.R. 2042.

Partnership for a Better Energy Future Membership

- Action 22 Southern Colorado
- AFFORD Group
- Agricultural Council of Arkansas
- Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute
- Alabama Automotive Manufacturer’s Association
- Alabama Coal Association
- Alaska Chamber of Commerce
- American Coke and Coal Chemicals Institute
- American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity
- American Farm Bureau Federation
- American Foundry Society
- American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers
- American Knife Manufacturers Association
- American Petroleum Institute
- American Road and Transportation Builders Association
- American Waterways Operators
- Ames Chamber of Commerce
- Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce
- Associated Builders and Contractors
- Associated Builders and Contractors of Wisconsin
- Associated Equipment Distributors
- Associated Industries of Florida
- Associated Industries of Missouri
- Association of American Railroads
- Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives, Inc.
- Automotive Recyclers Association
- Balanced Energy Arkansas
- Balanced Energy for Texas
- Baltimore Washington Corridor Chamber
- Bettisworth North Architects and Planners
- Billings Montana Chamber of Commerce
- Bismarck Mandan Chamber of Commerce
- Brick Industry Association
- Bryant Area Chamber of Commerce
- Business Council of Alabama
- Midwest Electric Cooperative Corporation
- Midwest Food Processors Association Inc.
- Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
- Mississippi Energy Institute
- Mississippi Manufacturers Association
- Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Montana Chamber of Commerce
- Monroe Chamber of Commerce
- Montana Coal Council
- Montana Contractors’ Association
- Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association
- Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce
- National Association of Home Builders
- National Association of Manufacturers
- National Cattlemen’s Beef Association
- National Marine Manufacturers Association
- National Mining Association
- National Oilseed Processors Association
- National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
- National Tooling and Machining Association
- Natural Gas Supply Association
- Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation
- Nebraska Power Association
- Non-Ferrous Founders’ Society
- North American Die Casting Association
- North Carolina Chamber
- North Carolina Energy Forum
- Ohio Cast Metals Association
- Ohio Chamber of Commerce
- Ohio Coal Association
- Ohio Manufacturers’ Association
- Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc.

California Cotton Ginners Association
California Cotton Growers Association
California Manufacturers & Technology Association
Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry
Colorado Mining Association
Consumer Energy Alliance
Copper and Brass Fabricators Council
Council of Industry of Southeastern New York
CropLife America
Dallas Regional Chamber
East Feliciana Chamber of Commerce
Electric Reliability Coordinating Council
Energy Equipment and Infrastructure Alliance
Exotic Wildlife Association
Florida State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Forging Industry Association
Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce
Foundry Association of Michigan
Georgia Association of Manufacturers
Georgia Chamber of Commerce
Georgia Motor Trucking Association
Georgia Railroad Association
Greater Burlington Partnership
Greater Houston Partnership
Greater North Dakota Chamber of Commerce
Greater Omaha Chamber
Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce
Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce
Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce
Gulf Coast Lignite Coalition
Illinois Coal Association
Illinois Manufacturers' Association
INDA: Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry
Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas
Independent Petroleum Association of America

Indiana Cast Metals Association
Indiana Chamber of Commerce
Indiana Manufacturers Association
Industrial Minerals Association – North America
Institute for 21st Century Energy

Oklahoma Railroad Association
Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce
Partnership for Affordable Clean Energy

Pennsylvania Chamber of Business & Industry
Pennsylvania Coal Alliance
Pennsylvania Foundry Association
Pennsylvania Independent Oil & Gas Association
Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association
Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association
Petroleum Equipment Suppliers Association
Portland Cement Association
Precision Machined Products Association
Precision Metalforming Association
Printing Industries of America
Railway Supply Institute, Inc.
Rocky Mountain Coal Mining Institute
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Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council
South Carolina Chamber of Commerce
South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association
SW Louisiana Economic Development Alliance
SPI: The Plastics Industry Trade Association
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Styrene Information & Research Center
Tempe Chamber of Commerce
Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Texas Aggregates and Concrete Association
Texas Association of Business
Texas Cast Metals Association
Texas Cotton Ginners' Association
Texas Mining and Reclamation Association
Texas Poultry Federation

Texas Railroad Association
The Chamber of Reno, Sparks and Northern Nevada
The Fertilizer Institute
The Siouxland Initiative
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Valve Manufacturers Association of America

International Liquid Terminals Association
Iowa Association of Business and Industry
Kansas Chamber of Commerce
Kentucky Coal Association
Kerrville Area Chamber of Commerce
Lignite Energy Council
Lincoln Employers Coalition
Lincoln Independent Business Association

Longview Chamber of Commerce
Louisiana Association of Business and Industry
Louisiana Propane Gas Association
Lubbock Chamber of Commerce
Metals Service Center Institute
Michigan Manufacturers Association
Michigan Railroads Association

Virginia Chamber of Commerce
Virginia Coal and Energy Alliance
Virginia Manufacturers Association
Western Agricultural Processors Association
West Virginia Coal Association
West Virginia Chamber of Commerce
Wisconsin and Minnesota Petroleum Council
Wisconsin Cast Metals Association
Wisconsin Industrial Energy Group
Wisconsin Independent Businesses
Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce
Wisconsin Motor Carriers Association
Wyoming Chamber Partnership
Wyoming Mining Association