Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

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Gina McCarthy  
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Office of the Administrator #1101A  
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Dear Administrator McCarthy:

At the end of the 111th Congress, a bill sponsored by Congressmen Henry Waxman and Ed Markey that would have instituted a “cap-and-trade” system to regulate carbon emissions was rejected by the United States Senate.

We believe that the proposed draft regulation that your Agency published on Monday, June 2, 2014, entitled “Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units” seeks to achieve exactly what the United States Senate rejected. More importantly, we believe that the authority to limit carbon emissions, even if that were actually a necessity, rests in neither the Constitution nor the Clean Air Act but in the true free market of individual choices made by the American people. When Americans are free to dream and innovate – not coerced by regulators in Washington who will never have exclusive knowledge of science or the newest technologies – we believe they will always find cheaper, cleaner, safer, and more efficient ways to use and produce energy.

When we try to manage our economy to achieve certain ends, the result is always less innovation and therefore slower economic growth. The American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity found that regulations with similar goals will cost 178,000 jobs each year for fifteen years. The Heritage Foundation estimates that the effect of this and other unnecessary regulations will decrease aggregate gross domestic product by more than $2 trillion through 2038, and the average family will lose $1,200 in annual income by 2023.

In short, Madame Administrator, we believe this carbon dioxide regulation – whose implementation is legally questionable at best – would do untold harm to the American people and our economy for decades to come.

We demand that you immediately rescind this unwise and unconstitutional regulation. We eagerly wait your written response.

Blessings and Liberty,

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