

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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The Honorable Ken Calvert  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and  
Related Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Betty McCollum  
Ranking Member  
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Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and  
Related Agencies  
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Dear Chairman Calvert and Ranking Member McCollum,

As you begin crafting the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, we encourage the subcommittee to protect states and the American public from the burdensome and harmful impact of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and its so-called “Clean Power Plan.”

As Members of Congress, we were sent here to advocate for the best interest of our constituents; however, over the past eight years, we were consistently circumvented by regulations from the Obama Administration that sought to undermine the will of Congress and disrupt the lives of the American people.

The “Clean Power Plan” is yet another case of unelected bureaucrats creating rules out of thin air. These misguided regulations have already inflicted devastating effect on hard-working Americans. If we do not continue to combat the previous administration’s indiscriminate war on American energy, approximately 33% of all coal-fired power plants – generating enough electricity for 60 million homes – stand to close.

Last year, twenty-nine states filed suit in federal court seeking relief from the EPA, and on February 9, 2016, the U.S. Supreme Court temporarily blocked the Obama Administration’s action.

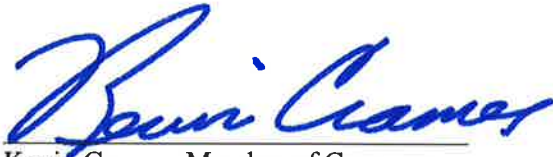
While the Clean Power Plan currently lacks enforceability as a result of that stay and President Trump has these rules in his crosshairs, Congress ought not rely on the judiciary or executive processes to block these misguided and nefarious rules from the previous administration. It is the duty and responsibility of the House to protect states that have said they will not implement these unconstitutional mandates from the EPA.

As such, we respectfully request that you include the following language to protect Americans from the overreach of the Obama Administration in the FY2018 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.

- Sec. \_\_\_\_.* None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to implement or enforce -
- (1) The final rule entitled “Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Unites” (published at 80 Fed. Reg. 64662 (October 23, 2015)); or*
  - (2) The final rule entitled “Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Unites” (published at 80 Fed. Reg. 64510 (October 23, 2015)).*

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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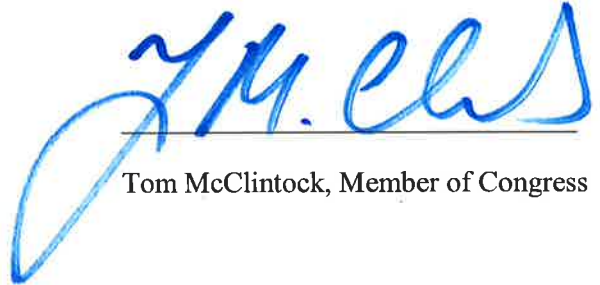
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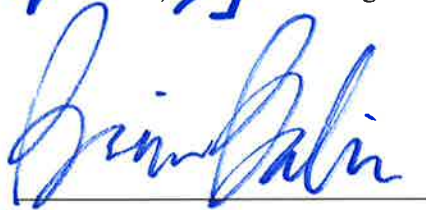
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