

March 9, 2011

Re: Upton-Inhofe Bill a Key Step Toward Stopping EPA's GHG Regulations

Dear Chairman Upton and Chairman Whitfield:

On January 2, 2011, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) began regulating greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from stationary sources. EPA's rules require industrial sites, power plants and other businesses that emit GHGs above certain thresholds to apply for a permit whenever they want to build or modernize their facilities. In today's fragile economy, when we need American businesses to be expanding at full speed, these rules create uncertainty and delay.

We welcome the efforts of lawmakers from both parties to stop the EPA's harmful regulations so that business growth and hiring can continue. We applaud the leadership that you and Senator Inhofe are providing on this issue through the introduction of *The Energy Tax Prevention of Act of 2011 (H.R. 910)*. This bipartisan legislation is helping to keep attention squarely focused on the issue and building momentum toward a solution.

Congress, not EPA, should be guiding America's energy policy. Without action by lawmakers, EPA's regulations will make it difficult to attract new manufacturing capacity and jobs to the United States, let alone double U.S. exports in five years, as President Obama has pledged. Moving your legislation forward is a critical first step.

We look forward to working with you to stop harmful regulations and in doing so, strengthen the economic recovery, support American manufacturing and create jobs.

Sincerely,

American Chemistry Council
American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity
American Forest & Paper Association
American Iron and Steel Institute
American Petroleum Institute
Brick Industry Association
CropLife America
Industrial Minerals Association
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors
National Lime Association
National Mining Association
National Oilseed Processors Association
National Petrochemical and Refiners Association
The Aluminum Association
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