



## 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.

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Alaska Chamber of Commerce	Montana Chamber of Commerce
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American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity	
American Farm Bureau Federation	Montana Coal Council
American Foundry Society	Montana Contractors' Association
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American Knife Manufacturers Association	Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce
American Petroleum Institute	National Association of Home Builders
American Road and Transportation Builders Association	National Association of Manufacturers
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 Georgia Chamber of Commerce  
 Georgia Motor Trucking Association  
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 Pennsylvania Foundry Association  
 Pennsylvania Independent Oil & Gas Association  
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Michigan Manufacturers Association  
Michigan Railroads Association

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