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The Honorable John Shimkus
Chairman
House Energy & Commerce Committee
Subcommittee on Environment
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Paul Tonko
Ranking Member
House Energy & Commerce Committee
Subcommittee on Environment
2322A Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Shimkus and Ranking Member Tonko:

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the largest manufacturing association in the United States representing small and large manufacturers in every industrial sector and all 50 states, supports the New Source Review Permitting Improvement Act of 2018, a bill introduced by Morgan Griffith (R-VA) that would reform the New Source Review (NSR) program.

The NAM supports streamlining air quality control regulations that are focused on the manufacturing sector. United States industry and regulators continue to struggle with the complex requirements of the NSR program which is slowing economic growth, job creation, technological innovation, and the nation's ability to modernize infrastructure. Currently, NSR often deters technologies that lead to increased energy efficiency, thus potentially undermining the achievement of appropriate air quality and environmental policy goals. Such obstacles undercut improved air quality by delaying the installation of more efficient technology.

Manufacturers are committed to clean air, but we need policies that support a sustainable environment and economy. The legislation reforms how the NSR program works with existing sources by clarifying which types of facility modifications require an owner to obtain a NSR permit and will provide more certainty to companies seeking to invest in and improve existing facilities. The bill also includes provisions that make it easier for facility owners to carry out pollution control projects, and projects designed to improve, restore, or maintain the safety or reliability of a facility.

Manufacturers appreciate the Subcommittee's efforts to further streamline the NSR permitting process. The NAM supports the New Source Review Permitting Improvement Act of 2018 and strongly recommends that the Subcommittee approve the measure.

Sincerely,



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cc: The Honorable Greg Walden, Chairman, House Energy & Commerce Committee
The Honorable Frank Pallone, Ranking Member, House Energy & Commerce Committee