

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

July 11, 2013

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama,

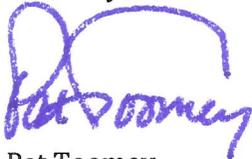
We write to you to express our concern about the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) plans to issue greenhouse gas regulations for new electricity generating units. This standard represents an unprecedented move by the EPA under the Clean Air Act that, if implemented, will likely discourage the construction of new coal-fired power plants as well as the upgrading of existing facilities. This will adversely impact our state's economy by unfairly hindering the use of our single largest source of energy.

As you may know, the Pennsylvania coal industry has considerable historic significance and a large economic impact. Our state is the country's fourth largest producer of coal, and our coal mining industry alone generates nearly 50,000 direct and indirect jobs. Coal is used to generate approximately half of Pennsylvania's electricity, allowing the state to offer businesses and consumers affordable energy.

The EPA has estimated that adopting this rule would increase the cost of electricity from coal-fired power plants by as much as 80%. Such a cost increase would make coal-fired plants uneconomical, leading some to close and very likely stop the construction of new plants. This would hurt thousands of Pennsylvanians involved in the mining industry, and it would seriously harm our business climate and raise our household utility costs.

In this difficult economy, when so many people in our state and around the country are struggling to find work and pay their bills, the last thing we need is a policy that unnecessarily harms economic growth. We respectfully ask you to stop the EPA from finalizing this destructive proposal. We appreciate your consideration and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator



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