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Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Ken Calvert
Chairman
Subcommittee on Interior,
Environment, and Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Betty McCollum
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior,
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Dear Chairman Calvert and Ranking Member McCollum:

As you begin crafting the 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 and its so-called “Clean Power Plan.”

As Members of Congress, we were sent here to advocate for the best interest of our constituents; yet we are consistently hit by more regulations from the Obama Administration that circumvents the will of the Congress and disrupts the lives of the American people.

The “Clean Power Plan” is yet another case of unelected bureaucrats creating rules out of thin air that will have devastating effects on hardworking Americans. If we don’t combat this indiscriminate war on American energy, approximately 33% of all coal-fired power plants – enough electricity for 60 million homes – stand to close.

This has caused twenty-nine states to file suit in federal court asking for relief from the EPA, and even warranted the U.S. Supreme Court on February 9, 2016 to temporarily block the Obama Administration’s action.

Nevertheless, Congress should not rely on the judiciary to prevent the Administration from harming our energy sector and thus impacting our constituents. In fact, it is the duty and the responsibility of this House to protect states that have said that they will not implement the unconstitutional mandate 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 Fiscal Year 2017 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 Units” (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 Units" (published at 80 Fed. Reg. 64510 (October 23, 2015)).

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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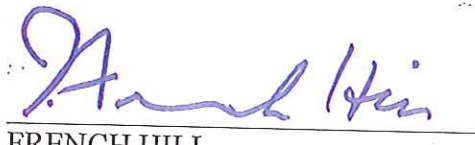

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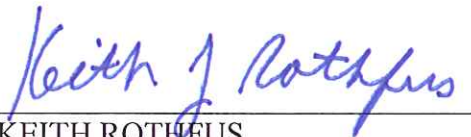
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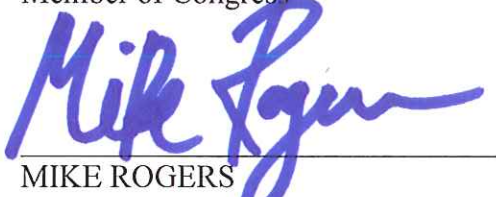
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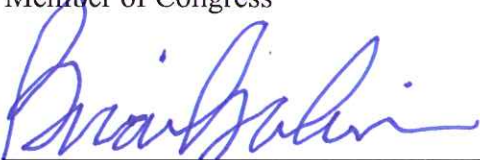
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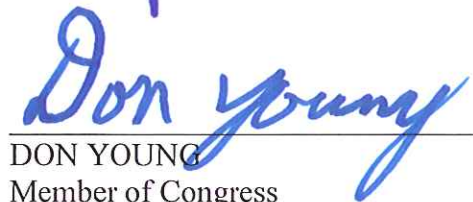
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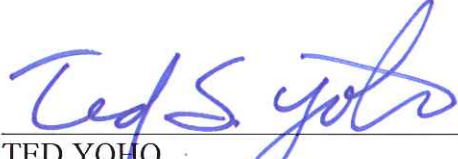

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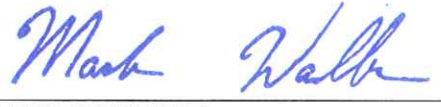

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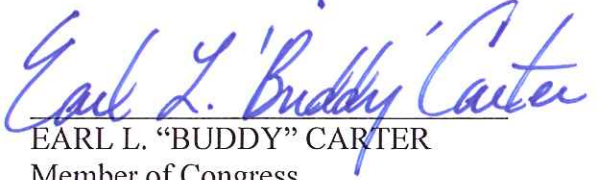

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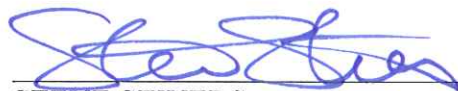

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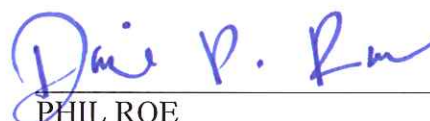
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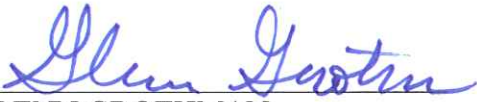
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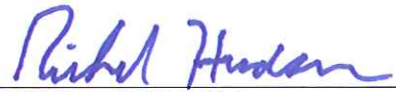
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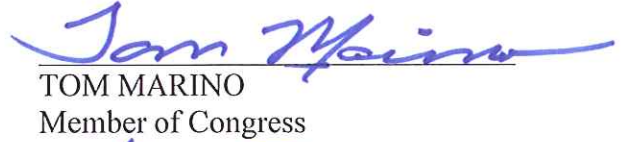
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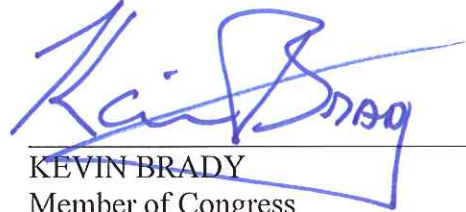
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