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Michael R. Pence
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The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20460

Re: "Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units" under the Clean Air Act Proposed Rule, June 18, 2014, 79 Fed. Reg. 34830

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

I write to express my great dismay and strong opposition to the proposed rules designed to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from existing power plants. I urge you to withdraw the proposed rules without delay.

The proposed rules are ill-conceived and poorly constructed. They exceed the legal authority granted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Clean Air Act. They seek to fundamentally restructure how our electricity grid functions while making our electricity less reliable. They will contribute to higher electricity prices at a time when our economy can least afford it. They will drive investment to other countries instead of creating jobs here at home. In short, the proposed rules will hurt Indiana and the rest of the country.

Moreover, the proposed rules will have a negligible impact on global carbon dioxide emissions, the reduction of which is President Obama's explicit goal motivating the creation of these rules. This is too much pain for very little gain.

Home to the highest concentration of manufacturing jobs in the nation, Indiana depends heavily on coal-burning power plants for reliable and affordable energy. More than 28,000 Hoosiers are employed in the coal industry. Those workers, along with Hoosier rate-payers, deserve better than this proposed regulation. The U.S. EPA proposal does not strike the proper balance to protect the health of the environment with the health of our economy and our position in the global marketplace. It will impede economic growth and prosperity at a time when we need to promote it.

I direct your attention to additional comments submitted jointly by agencies within my Administration. Their detailed comments identify a plethora of concerns with the

proposed rules, including policy, legal, and technical perspectives. These comments clearly show the dysfunction represented by the proposed rules and further substantiate the need to withdraw the proposal. I urge you to do so without delay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Pence". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Michael R. Pence
Governor of Indiana