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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 more than 100 organizations representing over 80 percent of the U.S. economy, urges your support for H.R. 3826, the “Electricity Security and Affordability Act,” which is expected to receive a vote in the House next week. H.R. 3826 provides a more reasonable path forward in relation to the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) greenhouse gas (GHG) regulations, while also protecting jobs, economic growth and international competitiveness.

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 while also protecting the environment. Unfortunately, the EPA’s proposed GHG regulations on new power plants fail to meet this test.

The EPA has begun implementing a suite of new regulations designed to address GHG emissions from the electric power sector. By law, these regulations are supposed to be flexible and take into account cost and commercial availability; however, in practice the EPA’s proposed GHG regulations have been the exact opposite. The very first regulation the EPA unveiled, which applies to new power plants, mandates technologies that are not yet commercially available—effectively banning the construction of coal-fired power plants going forward. With similar regulations on existing power plants due in June, followed immediately by regulations on other energy-intensive industries, the EPA’s heavy-handed approach is not an encouraging sign for the regulated community.

H.R. 3826 provides a reasonable path forward for the EPA’s power plant GHG regulations, allowing the agency to regulate while also protecting a diverse energy mix. For new power plants, the bill requires separate standards for coal and gas, with the coal standard subcategorized for coal types and aligned with the best-performing commercially available generation technologies. It provides a reasonable path forward for carbon dioxide capture and sequestration (CCS), prohibiting the EPA from mandating its use until the technology has been deployed by at least six units located at different commercial power plants in the United States—in other words, until it is truly ready. Finally, it allows the EPA to craft rules or guidelines for existing power plants, but requires Congress to review them and set a start date before they can take effect.

The members of the Partnership support regulations that are cost-effective, technologically achievable and allow for a robust “all-of-the-above” energy strategy. H.R. 3826 would achieve these

goals by allowing the EPA to regulate in a balanced, reasonable fashion. The Partnership urges your support for H.R. 3826.

Sincerely,

Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute  
Alabama Automotive Manufacturer's Association  
Alaska Chamber of Commerce  
American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity  
American Farm Bureau Federation  
American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers  
American Knife Manufacturers Association  
American Petroleum Institute  
American Road and Transportation Builders Association  
Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce  
Associated Industries of Florida  
Associated Industries of Missouri  
Association of American Railroads  
Automotive Recyclers Association  
Balanced Energy for Texas  
Baltimore Washington Corridor Chamber  
Bettisworth North Architects and Planners  
Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce  
Brick Industry Association  
Buckeye Power, Inc.  
California Cotton Ginners Association  
California Cotton Growers Association  
California Manufacturers & Technology Association  
Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry  
Consumer Energy Alliance  
CropLife America  
Dallas Regional Chamber  
Electric Reliability Coordinating Council  
Florida State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Forging Industry Association  
Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce  
Georgia Association of Manufacturers  
Georgia Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Houston Partnership  
Greater North Dakota Chamber  
Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce

Gulf Coast Lignite Coalition  
Illinois Coal Association  
Illinois Manufacturers' Association  
Independent Petroleum Association of America  
Indiana Chamber of Commerce  
Indiana Manufacturers Association  
Industrial Minerals Association – North America  
Institute for 21st Century Energy  
Iowa Association of Business and Industry  
Kansas Chamber of Commerce  
Kentucky Coal Association  
Kerrville Area Chamber of Commerce  
Longview Chamber of Commerce  
Louisiana Association of Business and Industry  
Lubbock Chamber of Commerce  
Metals Service Center Institute  
Michigan Manufacturers Association  
Michigan Railroads Association  
Midwest Food Processors Association Inc.  
Minnesota Chamber of Commerce  
Mississippi Manufacturers Association  
Missouri Chamber of Commerce  
Montana Chamber of Commerce  
Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce  
National Association of Home Builders  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Cattlemen's Beef Association  
National Marine Manufacturers Association  
National Mining Association  
National Oilseed Processors Association  
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association  
Natural Gas Supply Association  
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
Non-Ferrous Founders' Society  
North Carolina Chamber of Commerce  
Oklahoma Railroad Association  
Ohio Chamber of Commerce  
Ohio Coal Association  
Ohio Manufacturers' Association  
Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc.  
Partnership for Affordable Clean Energy  
Pennsylvania Coal Alliance  
Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association

Portland Cement Association  
Printing Industries of America  
Railway Supply Industry, Inc.  
Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council  
South Carolina Chamber of Commerce  
Southwest Louisiana Economic Development Alliance  
SPI: The Plastics Industry Trade Association  
Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
Texas Association of Business  
Texas Cotton Ginners' Association  
Texas Railroad Association  
The Chamber of Sparks, Reno & Northern Nevada  
The Fertilizer Institute  
The Vinyl Institute  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
United Transportation Union  
Valve Manufacturers Association of America  
Virginia Chamber of Commerce  
West Virginia Chamber of Commerce  
Western Agricultural Processors Association  
Wisconsin Industrial Energy Group Inc.  
Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce  
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