

July 18, 2017

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Speaker Ryan, and Minority Leaders Schumer and Pelosi:

The undersigned, which represent a diverse group of industries from across the country, write to express our strong support for H.R. 806 and S. 263, the “Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2017.” This legislation provides a common-sense approach for implementing national ambient air quality standards, recognizes ongoing state efforts to improve air quality through a reasonable implementation schedule for the 2015 ozone standards, streamlines the air permitting process for businesses to expand operations and create jobs, and includes other reforms that bring more regulatory certainty to federal air quality standards. Additionally, the undersigned support language including certain elements of H.R. 806 and S. 263 included in the Fiscal Year 2018 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations bill.

We have significant concerns that the 2015 ozone standards overlap with existing state plans to implement the 2008 ozone standards, leading to duplicative and wasteful implementation schedules, and unnecessary and severe economic impacts. The new ozone standards were promulgated in October 2015, only months after states received their final guidance from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on how to implement the 2008 ozone standards. This delay was the result of the Obama administration’s decision to halt work on the 2008 ozone standards during a 2010-2011 reconsideration period. The EPA, however, did not account for this self-imposed delay when issuing the 2015 ozone standards, thereby imposing duplicative costs and burdens of implementing multiple standards simultaneously. This is particularly wasteful as the EPA itself projects that nearly the entire country would attain the 2015 ozone standards simply by being provided an opportunity to fully implement already-planned measures like their state implementation plans for the 2008 ozone standards. Local economies also face severe impacts, as analysis of data indicates that the 2015 ozone standards could expand nonattainment to more than 950 counties if planned reductions are not allowed time to take effect, subjecting large parts of the country to costly nonattainment control requirements.

Notwithstanding concerns expressed by thousands of elected officials, state agencies, businesses, community groups, and other stakeholders, the EPA issued the 2015 ozone standards without addressing the overlap with the 2008 ozone standards and the enormous impacts that dual implementation would have on limited state resources, permitting, and the economy. It is now up

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to Congress to address these issues, and that is why we support H.R. 806 and S. 263. By better

aligning the 2015 ozone standards with the 2008 ozone standards and their associated emissions reductions, H.R. 806 and S. 263 will help prevent unnecessary nonattainment designations and cost burdens, without sacrificing environmental protection. The legislation's permitting relief and other reforms are also an important step towards national ambient air quality standards that balance environmental protection and economic development.

In sum, H.R. 806 and S. 263 and the related appropriations language provide a common-sense plan that maintains continued air quality improvement without unnecessarily straining state and local economic resources.

We strongly encourage Congress to act quickly on this critical legislation.

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Alaska Chamber	Associated Petroleum Industries of Pennsylvania
Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers	Association of American Railroads
Alliance of Wyoming Manufacturers	Baton Rouge Area Chamber
Aluminum Association	Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce
American Chemistry Council	Carefree Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce
American Coatings Association	Cedar City Area Chamber of Commerce
American Coke and Coal Chemicals Institute	Chandler Chamber of Commerce
American Farm Bureau Federation	Chemical Industry Council of California
American Forest & Paper Association	Chemical Industry Council of Illinois
American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers	Chemistry Council of New Jersey
American Iron and Steel Institute	Colorado Association of Commerce & Industry
American Petroleum Institute	Colorado Oil & Gas Association
American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA)	Colorado Petroleum Association
American Wood Council	Colorado Petroleum Council
Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce	Colorado Wyoming Petroleum Marketers Association
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API New York	Consumer Energy Alliance
API Ohio	Consumer Specialty Products Association
API South Carolina	Council of Industrial Boiler Owners (CIBO)
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Flexible Packaging Association	Maryland Petroleum Council
Florida Petroleum Council	Massachusetts Petroleum Council
Fountain Hills Chamber of Commerce	Mesa Chamber of Commerce
Georgia Chemistry Council	Michigan Chemistry Council
Georgia Petroleum Council	Minnesota Petroleum Council
Gilbert Chamber of Commerce	Missouri Petroleum Council
Glass Packaging Institute (GPI)	National Asphalt Pavement Association
Global Cold Chain Alliance	National Association of Chemical Distributors
GPA Midstream Association	National Association of Manufacturers
Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce	National Cotton Council
Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce	National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
Greater Baton Rouge Industry Alliance, Inc.	National Mining Association
Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce	National Oilseed Processors Association
Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce	National Tooling and Machining Association
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Greater North Dakota Chamber of Commerce	New Jersey Petroleum Council
Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce	New Mexico Association of Commerce & Industry
Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce	New York State Chemistry Council
Illinois Petroleum Council	North American Die Casting Association
Independent Petroleum Association of America	North Carolina Petroleum Council
Indiana Petroleum Council	North Orange County Chamber
Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA)	Ohio Chamber of Commerce
Industrial Environmental Association	Ohio Chemistry Technology Council
Industrial Minerals Association - North America	Oklahoma State Chamber
Institute of Makers of Explosives	Oregon Women In Timber
Institute of Shortening and Edible Oils	Owens Illinois, Inc.
Iowa Association of Business and Industry	Oxnard Chamber of Commerce
Kansas Petroleum Council	Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry
Kentucky Association of Manufacturers	Petroleum Marketers Association of America
Kentucky Chamber of Commerce	Portland Cement Association
Kentucky Chemical Industry Council	Precision Machined Products Association
Lodi District Chamber of Commerce	Precision Metalforming Association
Louisiana Chemical Association	Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce
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South Carolina Chamber of Commerce
South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance
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Tennessee Petroleum Council
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Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce
Wisconsin Petroleum Council
Wisconsin Petroleum Council
Wyoming Petroleum Marketers Association
Yuma County Chamber of Commerce

CC: U.S. House of Representatives
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