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The Honorable Harry Reid
United States Senate
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Reid:

The American Legislative Exchange Council is alarmed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s plan to regulate greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act (CAA). We are encouraged by efforts such as the bipartisan resolution S.J. Res. 26 introduced by Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) and Senator Blanche Lincoln (D-Ark.) to prevent the EPA from this action.

The Clean Air Act is ill-suited for the purpose of regulating greenhouse gases as evidenced, in part, by the EPA's Tailoring Rule itself which attempts to limit the draconian impact of their efforts by substituting new thresholds for those enumerated in law. The hope is to delay regulation for small emission sources, but the truth is both large and small emission sources in most states will be required to comply under current laws. Despite this attempted fix, EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson has repeatedly acknowledged that the Obama administration would prefer that Congress, not the EPA, decide what, if any, rules should apply to greenhouse gas emissions.

America's economic recovery depends on affordable energy to sustain growth and re-employ workers. EPA's proposed regulatory approach is directly at odds with economic growth and job creation at a time in this country when both are desperately needed.

Allowing EPA to proceed with this regulatory approach in the absence of the people's directive through their elected members of Congress is tantamount to allowing unelected bureaucrats to determine the legislative agenda. Congress must not allow the EPA to dictate its priorities, and S. J. Res. 26 will ensure that the EPA's rule will not destroy our economic recovery and the jobs that depend on it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rep. David Wolkins
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cc: All U.S. Senators



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