

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 10, 2014

The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

We are alarmed with the EPA's recent proposed rule (Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2013-0602) and the impact the mandated cuts in carbon emissions will have on Arkansas's economy. Your proposed cuts will hit already-stretched consumers with increased electricity costs and will threaten jobs, which remain scarce in the state, through the closure of several coal-fired power plants.

In your proposed rule you identify four (4) planned field hearings: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Denver, Colorado; Atlanta, Georgia; and Washington, D.C. We agree with your decision to visit geographically-diverse locations to discuss the impact of your rule, but we believe you should hear firsthand the impact this rule will have on Arkansas. As you know, Arkansas will be required to cut carbon emissions by 45%, or 730 pounds/megawatt hours—more than any of your proposed hearing locations. Such a sizeable cut will have an immense impact on how Arkansans work, travel, and live.

Therefore, we would like to extend an invitation to your agency to hold a hearing in Arkansas with impacted stakeholders, as well as the Congressional delegation. Over the past week we have each received a significant number of concerns from our constituents on what these changes will mean for their way of life, and we believe the impact of these changes on rural parts of the country must not be ignored.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to receiving your response.

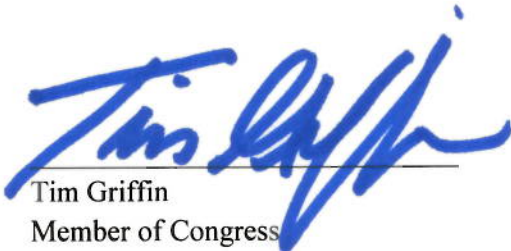
Sincerely,



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