

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 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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Alliance of Wyoming Manufacturers	Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce
Aluminum Association	Carefree Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce
American Chemistry Council	Cedar City Area Chamber of Commerce
American Coatings Association	Chandler Chamber of Commerce
American Coke and Coal Chemicals Institute	Chemical Industry Council of California
American Farm Bureau Federation	Chemical Industry Council of Illinois
American Forest & Paper Association	Chemistry Council of New Jersey
American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers	Colorado Association of Commerce & Industry
American Iron and Steel Institute	Colorado Oil & Gas Association
American Petroleum Institute	Colorado Petroleum Association
American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA)	Colorado Petroleum Council
American Wood Council	Colorado Wyoming Petroleum Marketers Association
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Louisiana Chemical Association  
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Michigan Chemistry Council  
Minnesota Petroleum Council  
Missouri Petroleum Council  
National Asphalt Pavement Association  
National Association of Chemical Distributors  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Cotton Council  
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives  
National Lime Association  
National Mining Association  
National Oilseed Processors Association  
National Tooling and Machining Association  
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
New Jersey Petroleum Council  
New Mexico Association of Commerce & Industry  
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North American Die Casting Association  
North Carolina Petroleum Council  
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Ohio Chemistry Technology Council  
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Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce  
South Carolina Chamber of Commerce  
South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance  
Tempe Chamber of Commerce  
Tennessee Chamber of Commerce &  
Industry  
Tennessee Petroleum Council  
Texas Association of Manufacturers  
Texas Oil and Gas Association  
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Virginia Chamber of Commerce  
Virginia Petroleum Council  
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West Virginia Manufacturers Association  
West Virginia Petroleum Council  
Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce  
Wisconsin Petroleum Council  
Wyoming Petroleum Marketers Association  
Yuma County Chamber of Commerce

CC: U.S. House of Representatives  
U.S Senate