



Partnership for a Better Energy Future

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. SENATE:

The Partnership for a Better Energy Future (the Partnership), a coalition of business organizations representing over 80 percent of the U.S. economy, writes in strong support of S. 1324, the Affordable Reliable Electricity Now Act of 2015 (ARENA), a bipartisan bill sponsored by Senators Shelly Moore Capito (R-WV) and Joe Manchin (D-WV).

Established in January 2014, 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. The Partnership totals 177 members, which include national organizations as well as state and local associations in 36 different states. All are united by widespread concerns that carbon regulations on power plants—as well as EPA's broader GHG regulatory agenda—present a significant threat to American jobs and the economy.

These threats are well-documented. For example, a recent study by NERA Economic Consulting found that EPA's proposed "Clean Power Plan" would impose between \$366 billion and \$479 billion in compliance costs, which would be passed along to businesses and consumers in the form of double digit percentage electricity rate increases in more than 40 states. While the Partnership is still reviewing the final rule, it is expected that the Administration's stricter requirements will result in impacts of similar or greater magnitude as the proposed rule.

States, which would be responsible for implementing EPA's proposal, have detailed widespread shortcomings with the pending rule. Officials from more than two dozen states have asked the EPA to withdraw its proposal, citing concerns such as higher energy costs, threats to reliability and lost jobs. Officials from more than two dozen states have stated that EPA's proposed rule goes well beyond the agency's legal authority under the Clean Air Act, and more than a dozen states have already joined in a lawsuit against the rule.

The ARENA Act addresses these concerns in a balanced and reasonable manner, restoring certainty for businesses while giving states a greater say in the regulatory process.

The legislation ensures technology requirements are commercially demonstrated, allows the judicial review process to conclude before requiring states to develop implementation plans, and protects states from being forced into implementing the rule if doing so would have adverse impacts on electricity ratepayers or grid reliability.

These are common sense solutions that would serve to uphold the spirit and intent of the Clean Air Act and prevent disruption to the affordable and reliable electricity that provides the backbone of the American economy. We urge all members to support S.1324.

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