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### Comment

To: EPA Administrators  
From: Jamie Karl, Vice President-Public Affairs & Policy, Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
Date: March 4, 2015  
Re: Ozone Regulations

The Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry, on behalf of its more than 1,700 members, urges the EPA to withdraw the agency's proposed ozone regulations. The EPA's proposed new limits on ozone standards would do significant damage to U.S. industry, while reversing recent economic gains. Moreover, the new rules benefit to human health is extremely questionable.

The Nebraska Chamber is specifically concerned by a new study issued by the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) that finds if the new ozone limits were put into place, Nebraska would experience:

- \* A \$5 billion gross state product loss (2017 to 2040);
- \* 4,456 lost jobs annually; and
- \* A \$470 drop in average household consumption a year.

It is worth noting that, according to NAM, U.S. ozone emissions since 1980 have been reduced by 50%, and the EPA's own numbers show that based on current regulations, emissions will fall another 36% by 2025. If the EPAs new, more restrictive ozone standard take effect, the U.S. can expect its GDP to shrink by \$1.7 trillion between 2017 and 2040, and would threaten U.S. manufacturing's resurgence.

These are real world numbers that cannot -- and must not -- be ignored.

Please withdraw your new ozone regulations. We urge the administration and its EPA to recognize that our national economy and security need a vibrant economy, supported by healthy manufacturing and energy sectors. They can coexist with sensible environmental regulations -- but we believe what the EPA has proposed crosses the line of what is sensible.

Thank you.

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