



## 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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- Action 22 Southern Colorado
- AFFORD Group
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- Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute
- Alabama Automotive Manufacturer’s Association
- Alabama Coal Association
- Alaska Chamber of Commerce
- American Coke and Coal Chemicals Institute
- American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity
- American Farm Bureau Federation
- American Foundry Society
- American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers
- American Knife Manufacturers Association
- American Petroleum Institute
- American Road and Transportation Builders Association
- American Waterways Operators
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- Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce
- Associated Builders and Contractors
- Associated Builders and Contractors of Wisconsin
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- Associated Industries of Missouri
- Association of American Railroads
- Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives, Inc.
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- Brick Industry Association
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- Business Council of Alabama
- California Cotton Ginners Association
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- Midwest Food Processors Association Inc.
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- Mississippi Energy Institute
- Mississippi Manufacturers Association
- Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Montana Chamber of Commerce
- Monroe Chamber of Commerce
- Montana Coal Council
- Montana Contractors’ Association
- Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association
- Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce
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- National Electrical Contractors Association
- National Marine Manufacturers Association
- National Mining Association
- National Oilseed Processors Association
- National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
- National Tooling and Machining Association
- Natural Gas Supply Association
- Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation
- Nebraska Power Association
- Non-Ferrous Founders’ Society
- North American Die Casting Association
- North Carolina Chamber
- North Carolina Energy Forum
- Ohio Cast Metals Association
- Ohio Chamber of Commerce
- Ohio Coal Association
- Ohio Manufacturers’ Association
- Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc.
- Oklahoma Railroad Association

California Cotton Growers Association	Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce
California Manufacturers & Technology Association	Partnership for Affordable Clean Energy
Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry	Pennsylvania Chamber of Business & Industry
Colorado Mining Association	Pennsylvania Coal Alliance
Consumer Energy Alliance	Pennsylvania Foundry Association
Copper and Brass Fabricators Council	Pennsylvania Independent Oil & Gas Association
Council of Industry of Southeastern New York	Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association
CropLife America	Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association
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Electric Reliability Coordinating Council	Precision Machined Products Association
Energy Equipment and Infrastructure Alliance	Precision Metalforming Association
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Georgia Railroad Association	SW Louisiana Economic Development Alliance
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Indiana Cast Metals Association	The Fertilizer Institute
Indiana Chamber of Commerce	The Siouxland Initiative
Indiana Manufacturers Association	U.S. Chamber of Commerce
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International Liquid Terminals Association	Virginia Chamber of Commerce
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Lincoln Employers Coalition  
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Louisiana Association of Business and Industry  
Louisiana Propane Gas Association  
Lubbock Chamber of Commerce  
Metals Service Center Institute  
Michigan Manufacturers Association  
Michigan Railroads Association

Western Agricultural Processors Association  
West Virginia Coal Association  
West Virginia Chamber of Commerce  
Wisconsin and Minnesota Petroleum Council  
Wisconsin Cast Metals Association  
Wisconsin Industrial Energy Group  
Wisconsin Independent Businesses  
Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce  
Wisconsin Motor Carriers Association  
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