July 29, 2015

The President The White House Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

In the coming weeks, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will send your Office of Management and Budget a new National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone that will be among the most expensive regulations in our nation's history. Just a few years ago, you ordered the EPA to abandon a similar rule, citing the need to reduce regulatory burdens in a recovering economy. The undersigned organizations request that you do so again.

Efforts to reduce ozone are an environmental success story. Ozone levels have improved by 33 percent since 1980 and will improve even more in coming years. Businesses, governments, and individuals have all played critical roles in these achievements. Market-driven innovations and dozens of existing policies to improve fuel economy, increase energy efficiency, and reduce emissions from stationary and mobile sources will drive further air quality improvements over the next decade, and beyond.

We are committed to ensuring a clean and safe environment now and in the future. However, we also stand to bear the brunt of the economic pain from a regulation that will make it difficult to manufacture products, build new projects, produce energy, improve infrastructure and hire the workers needed to make this all happen. A stricter ozone standard could close off communities across the nation to new jobs and economic growth, requiring reductions to near-background levels in many places. We are bound by the limits of technological feasibility, and this regulation mandates controls that even the EPA admits are unknown. When regulations push beyond the achievable, we lose the ability to innovate, create jobs, and unlock the next generation of technologies. The need for balanced government policies and reasonable flexibilities has never been greater, and no single regulation threatens to disrupt this balance more than EPA's ozone rule.

We join the governors, lieutenant governors, and attorneys general from more than half of U.S. states, as well as the hundreds of federal, state and local elected officials, county commissioners, community leaders, economic development organizations, environmental regulators, transportation boards, and citizens who have written, called, or met with your Administration with their simple, but critical request: Please retain the existing 75 parts per billion (ppb) standard for ground-level ozone. Let us meet these requirements before moving the targets again.

Respectfully,

- ACCA The Indoor Environment & Energy Efficiency Association Aerospace Industries Association AICC, The Independent Packaging Association Alabama Forestry Association Alaska Chamber Albany Area Chamber of Commerce
- Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers Aluminum Association American Bakers Association American Chemistry Council American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity American Coatings Association American Coke and Coal Chemicals Institute

American Composites Manufacturers Association American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association American Farm Bureau Federation American Forest & Paper Association American Forest Resource Council American Foundry Society American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers American Iron and Steel Institute American Petroleum Institute American Road & Transportation Builders Association American Wood Council America's Natural Gas Alliance Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industrv Arkansas Environmental Federation Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce Ascension Chamber of Commerce Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce Associated Builders and Contractors Associated Equipment Distributors Associated Industries of Arkansas, Inc. Associated Industries of Florida Associated Industries of Missouri Associated Oregon Industries, Inc. Association of Equipment Manufacturers Association of Washington Business Auto Care Association Baltimore Washington Corridor Chamber Baton Rouge Area Chamber Bay City Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Baytown Chamber of Commerce **Billings Chamber of Commerce** Black Hills Forest Resource Association Bolingbrook Area Chamber of Commerce **Brick Industry Association** Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce **Buffalo Niagara Partnership** Business Council of Alabama Business Roundtable (BRT) California Cotton Ginners and Growers Associations California Manufacturers & Technology Association Camarillo Chamber of Commerce **Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce**

Carbon County Chamber of Commerce Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce Cayuga Economic Development Agency Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce Chambers of Commerce Alliance of Ventura & Santa Barbara Counties Chandler Chamber of Commerce Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce Charlotte Chamber of Commerce Chemical Industry Council of Illinois Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber Clay County Chamber of Commerce Colorado Association of Commerce & Industry (CACI) Colorado Timber Industry Association **Connecticut Business & Industry** Association Consumer Specialty Products Association **Copper Development Association** Corn Refiners Association Council of Industrial Boiler Owners Council of Industry of Southeastern New York Delaware State Chamber of Commerce/Delaware Manufacturing Association **Detroit Regional Chamber** East Feliciana Parish Chamber of Commerce East Providence Area Chamber of Commerce **Electronics Representatives Association** Energy Equipment and Infrastructure Alliance Envelope Manufacturers Association **EPDM Roofing Association** Fabricators and Manufacturers Association, International Fibre Box Association Flexible Packaging Association Florida Chamber of Commerce Forging Industry Association Foundry Association of Michigan Fresno Chamber of Commerce Gas Processors Association Georgia Association of Manufacturers Georgia Chamber of Commerce Glass Packaging Institute (GPI) Global Cold Chain Alliance Goshen (IN) Chamber of Commerce

Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce Great Lakes Metro Chambers Coalition Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce Greater North Dakota Chamber of Commerce Greater Oak Brook Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Partnership Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce Greater Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce & Industry Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce Greater Summerville/Dorchester County Chamber of Commerce Greenville Chamber of Commerce Hardwood Federation Hartland Area Chamber of Commerce Hazard Perry County Chamber of Commerce Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce Illinois Chamber of Commerce Illinois Manufacturers' Association INDA, the Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry Independent Lubricant Manufacturers Association Independent Petroleum Association of America Indiana Cast Metals Association Indiana Chamber of Commerce Indiana Manufacturers Association Indio Chamber of Commerce Industrial Fasteners Institute Industrial Minerals Association - North America Institute of Makers of Explosives Intermountain Forest Association International Liquid Terminals Association

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National Oilseed Processors Association National Rural Electric Cooperative Association National Tooling and Machining Association Nevada Manufacturers Association New Mexico Association of Commerce & Industry New Mexico Business Coalition Non-Ferrous Founders' Society North American Die Casting Association North Carolina Chamber North Carolina Forestry Association North Shore Chamber of Commerce Northeast PA Manufacturers & Employers Association Ogden/Weber Chamber of Commerce Ohio Cast Metals Association Ohio Chamber of Commerce Ohio Manufacturers' Association **Olive Branch Chamber of Commerce Orange County Business Council** Oregon Women In Timber Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce Outdoor Amusement Business Association, Inc. Oxnard Chamber of Commerce Paperboard Packaging Council Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industrv Pennsylvania Foundry Association Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association Perry Area Chamber of Commerce Petroleum Equipment & Services Association Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce Pocatello-Chubbuck Chamber of Commerce Pointe Coupee Economic Development Portland Cement Association Power Transmission Distributors Association Precision Machined Products Association Precision Metalforming Association Printing Industries of America Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce **Quincy Area Chamber of Commerce** Rhode Island Manufacturers Association Roanoke Valley Chamber of Commerce **Roof Coatings Manufacturers Association** (RCMA) Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce Salt Lake Chamber

San Antonio Manufacturers Association San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce Shoals Chamber of Commerce Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates South Carolina Forestry Association Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association Southwest California Legislative Council Southwest Indiana Chamber SPI: The Plastics Industry Trade Association St. Joseph County (South Bend) IN Chamber State Chamber of Oklahoma Steel Manufacturers Association Steel Tank Institute/Steel Plate Fabricators Association Talbot County Chamber of Commerce Tennessee Chamber of Commerce and Industry Texas Association of Business Texas Association of Manufacturers Texas Cast Metals Association Textile Rental Services Association The Business Council of New York State The Carpet and Rug Institute The Central Chamber of Commerce The Chamber of Reno, Sparks, and Northern Nevada The Fertilizer Institute The Hardwood Federation The Kansas Chamber The Longview TX Chamber of Commerce The United Regional Chamber of Commerce The Vinyl Institute The West Virginia Chamber of Commerce Treated Wood Council **Tucson Metro Chamber** Twin City Chamber of Commerce U.S. Chamber of Commerce Utah Manufacturers Association Valley Industry and Commerce Association Victoria Chamber of Commerce Vinyl Building Council Virginia Chamber of Commerce Virginia Manufacturers Association Wabash County Chamber of Commerce

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