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U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative,

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the largest manufacturing association in the United States representing manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, urges you to support H.R. 3826, the Electricity Security and Affordability Act, introduced by Congressman Ed Whitfield (R-KY).

Manufacturers use one-third of the nation's energy and are committed to an all-of-the-above strategy that allows all fuels and technologies the ability to succeed. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed new greenhouse gas (GHG) regulations that mandate control technologies for power plants that are not yet commercially available, effectively banning new coal-fired power plants, imposing significant costs on manufacturers and setting a dangerous precedent that could cascade to other fuels. This regulatory agenda threatens to dictate which fuels can power our economy, abandoning the all-of-the-above strategy that has worked so well and potentially harming our energy security and increasing energy costs for all manufacturers.

H.R. 3826 would ensure that EPA regulates more responsibly. The bill would require the Administration to set realistic targets based on technologies that are truly commercially demonstrated and available. H.R. 3826 would get us back on track toward having a real national energy strategy by requiring Congress to review and set a start date for the EPA's rule on existing power plants.

While the nation's economy continues to recover from a recession, the country is experiencing an energy boom that is driving hundreds of billions of dollars in investments, sparking a manufacturing resurgence and lowering energy bills for U.S. households. If the EPA continues down its current path, new regulations will halt this economic progress.

The NAM's Key Vote Advisory Committee has indicated that votes on H.R. 3826, including procedural votes, may be considered for designation as Key Manufacturing Votes in the 113th Congress. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Aric Newhouse'.

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Key Manufacturing Vote