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U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

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 S.J. Res. 27, a joint resolution disapproving the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR).

Utilities and manufacturers have spent years improving the environment by investing billions of dollars in new pollution control technologies and building new plants. As a result, there have been significant improvements in our nation's air quality.

Issued July 7, 2011, the CSAPR sets stringent emission limits for 27 states and calls on both states and affected facilities to comply with the new rules by January 1, 2012. U.S. manufacturers, which use one-third of our nation's energy, remain concerned that the new rules will trigger higher energy prices, compromise grid reliability and lead to more job losses, threatening manufacturing competitiveness well into the future.

Under the EPA's CSAPR and Utility MACT rules, electricity costs will increase by as much as 23 percent in some of the largest manufacturing regions of our nation, resulting in a loss of 1.4 million jobs by 2020, according to National Economic Research Associates. In addition, there will likely be serious grid reliability issues as coal-fired power plants are taken offline. Some states could experience rolling blackouts due to severely restricted operations at coal-fired plants.

With our nation's unemployment rate hovering around 9 percent, we cannot afford to saddle American manufacturers with unachievable regulations that lead to higher electricity costs and job losses. We urge your support for S.J. Res. 27.

The NAM's Key Vote Advisory Committee has indicated that votes on S.J. Res. 27 may be considered for designation as Key Manufacturing Votes in the 112th Congress.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Key Manufacturing Vote