



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PAT MCCRORY
GOVERNOR

October 9, 2013

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

Recently, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced intentions to implement new source performance standards for greenhouse gas emissions from new power plants. The EPA's proposed policies will greatly affect the North Carolina economy.

Coal is essential in providing reliable, efficient and affordable energy. The abundance of coal in the United States allows for the production of inexpensive energy while employing hundreds of thousands of American workers. The United States has enough estimated recoverable coal reserves to last us almost 200 years. If enacted, the new EPA regulations will severely limit the production and use of coal, causing energy prices to soar.

Coal is the main source of energy in North Carolina generating 51% of the state's electricity to power 2.2 million homes and 112,000 businesses. Reliable, low cost energy production is essential in North Carolina. Without coal, it would be impossible to provide affordable energy to millions of citizens. These regulations will likely raise the cost of living for citizens across the state and add increased pressure to low-income families in already difficult times.

The North Carolina Coal industry accounts for direct and indirect employment of nearly 10,000 workers who earn more than \$500 million in wages annually. By raising costs for new facility construction, these regulations create a perverse incentive to rely on older coal plants and stifle investment into newer, cleaner infrastructure. The proposed limits on the production and use of coal will endanger these jobs and the livelihoods of many North Carolinians.

As Governor, I am taking an all of the above approach to North Carolina's energy policy. These new EPA regulations are a "none of the above" approach to future coal use. I respectfully urge you to reconsider implementing these new regulations, as they hold negative implications for North Carolina.

Sincerely,

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Pat McCrory
Governor of the State of North Carolina

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