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

Dear Mr. President,

As Governor of the State of Alabama, I am gravely concerned over the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed Clean Power Plan to reduce emissions from future and existing power plants. The proposed rule will cause unnecessary losses to the industries and families in Alabama. Further, the rule essentially endows indirect power to the EPA to reshape Alabama's energy portfolio and choices at the expense of the people of Alabama.

Alabama's manufacturing sector provides an increasing number of indirect and direct jobs, producing billions in exports. These economic contributions depend on low cost energy. Compliance with the proposed rule would be extremely harmful to our energy-intensive manufacturers, and I am convinced that a significant amount of jobs will be lost as a result of this rule.

Additionally, the proposed rule raises multiple legal concerns that must be remedied in the final rule. For example, there is no question that existing coal-fired electric generating units are regulated under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act. Therefore, these units should not be regulated under Section 111(d) as the EPA seeks to do.

Alabama strongly opposes the EPA's proposed mandate that essentially will restructure the electric sector. It will have disastrous consequences for electric reliability and the economy. I urge you to seriously consider these and other concerns expressed by Alabama and other States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Bentley".

Robert Bentley
Governor