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The Honorable Gina McCarthy, Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

I am pleased to present to you the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's recommendation of guiding principles in establishing carbon dioxide emission guidelines for existing power plants. Environmental stewardship is fundamental to the everyday lives of West Virginians. We enjoy hunting, fishing and the beautiful views of our mountains and valleys. West Virginians also understand the importance of a hard day's work, but up until this point, I believe that EPA has not sufficiently considered the real life adverse consequences of sweeping greenhouse gas regulations.

Regulations aimed at reducing carbon dioxide emissions from power plants will have profound and far reaching effects on West Virginia and many other states. An unreasonable regulatory structure could destabilize our once-reliable electric power grid, increase energy costs to vulnerable ratepayers, further burden industrial employers, and devastate coal mining families and communities.

We offer to work with EPA in developing reasonable standards that balance the environment and economic opportunity. We urge your favorable consideration of our recommendations.

Sincerely,

Earl Ray Tomblin  
Governor