



January 20, 2016

Congressman Gary Palmer
206 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

CC: Speaker Paul Ryan, Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, Majority Whip Steve Scalise

Dear Congressman Palmer:

The undersigned organizations support your bill, the *Stopping EPA Overreach Act of 2015*.

The EPA recently enacted rulings under the *Clean Air Act* which force higher energy costs on family owned businesses across the country. Increasing energy costs on small businesses leaves fewer resources for investments which help the economy grow, like upgrading business equipment, opening new facilities, and hiring additional workers. Federal policies should ease the tax and regulatory burden on small businesses, not force job-creators to pay artificially high energy bills each month.

The *Stopping EPA Overreach Act*, HR 3880, clarifies that the *Clean Air Act* does not give the Environmental Protection Agency or any other federal agency authority to regulate greenhouse gas emissions without Congressional action. The legislation requires that any proposed regulations that may negatively impact employment be approved by Congress and signed by the President. The *Stopping EPA Overreach Act* therefore nullifies recent rulemaking such as the Clean Power Plan and New Source Performance Standards, both of which hike energy prices on small businesses. Indeed, the Clean Power Plan alone threatens to take up to \$39 billion per year from businesses and consumers, according to an analysis done by NERA Economic Consulting.

Energy costs are consistently one of the top budget items for many small businesses across the country. According to a National Small Business Poll, nearly forty percent of business owners say that energy is one of their top three budget expenses. Your legislation, the *Stopping EPA Overreach Act*, will protect America's family owned and operated small businesses from unnecessary increases in energy costs and over-regulation.

We thank you for your continued leadership on this important issue.

Signed,



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National Black Chamber of Commerce



American Business Defense Council



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