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The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. McCarthy,

I am writing to clarify that a December 1, 2014 letter sent to you from Chairman Lamar Smith commenting on the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units, known as the Clean Power Plan, does not reflect the views of the Minority members of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

In fact, I strongly disagree with the tone of the letter, its mischaracterization of EPA's response to requests for information from the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and the basis on which the Chairman objects to the proposed rule. The negative consequences of climate change are not abstract scientific possibilities for the far-off future. We are facing some of these consequences now and they are affecting American citizens. The Clean Power Plan would put the United States on the carbon reduction pathway required to curtail the most devastating impacts of climate change, and I support its adoption and implementation.

Sincerely,



Eddie Bernice Johnson
Ranking Member
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

CC: The Honorable Shaun Donovan, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Rep. Lamar Smith, Chairman, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology