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Dear Senator,

On October 23, 2015, the final Clean Power Plan (111d) and final New Source Performance Standards to reduce carbon dioxide from new, modified, and reconstructed power plants (111b) were published in the Federal Register, marking a historical step toward increasing clean, renewable energy and energy efficiency and reducing dangerous greenhouse gas emissions. These standards are the first U.S. policies to set limits on carbon emissions from the power sector, the largest contributing sector of carbon emissions in the U.S. Shortly after publication of both rules, Senate Majority Leader McConnell and Senator Manchin introduced S.J. Res 23 to rescind the safeguard that requires new power plants built in the U.S. use the best system of emission reduction available. Senators Capito and Heitkamp introduced S.J. Res 24, which would disapprove the standards that will result in the reduction of carbon emissions from existing power plants by up to 32 percent by 2030. We urge you to vote against Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolutions to disapprove these important safeguards.

E2 and ASBC are national, nonpartisan groups of business leaders, investors, and professionals from every sector of the economy who advocate for smart policies that are good for the economy and good for the environment. Our organizations represent more than 200,000 businesses and more than 325,000 individual business leaders and investors. Our business leaders understand that smart policies encourage environmental stewardship and create business opportunity in a clean energy economy.

Carbon emissions from electricity generating in the U.S. have been linked to an overall increase in greenhouse gas emissions globally, changing weather patterns including increased drought, extreme weather, depleted fish stocks and scores of other problems that continue to threaten our economy and our public health.

Derailing the standards above would damage the United States' standing as a leader in the effort to forge a lasting agreement at the upcoming COP 21 climate summit in Paris, while also increasing the risk to our economy and public health from the effects of climate change. It would send the wrong signal to clean energy investors, business owners and others, like us, who are creating jobs and driving economic growth all across America. History shows that smart clean energy policies are good for our environment, our economy, and businesses. We urge you again to oppose both resolutions to disapprove the established safeguards.

Sincerely,

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