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RE: Request to Hold a Public Hearing on Proposed Repeal of the Clean Power Plan

Dear Mr. Tsirigotis,

On behalf of 100,000 entrepreneurs, small business owners, investors, and senior executives across the United States, Business Forward respectfully requests a public hearing on the proposed repeal of the Clean Power Plan. A public hearing will provide an essential forum for utilities and energy producers to discuss how changes in energy regulation affect them and give energy users the opportunity to present experiences and data on how changes in the regulation may affect their companies.

Small businesses have the most to gain and the most to lose when regulations change. Our nationwide network of business leaders follows energy policy closely, and they expect the EPA to consider their recommendations carefully. We will encourage business leaders from a variety of industries to participate.

We hope these hearings are held both in Washington and in cities around the country that would encourage a wide range of business leaders to testify. Prior to issuing the proposed Clean Power Plan in 2014, EPA held hearings in Atlanta, Pittsburgh, Denver, and Washington. We encourage you to organize an equally open process.

For these reasons, we request a public hearing under sections 307(d)(5) of the Clean Air Act on your proposed repeal of the Clean Power Plan. We emphasize that this hearing should provide a meaningful opportunity for across the country to participate.

Sincerely,



Jim Doyle  
President