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The Honorable Lisa P. Jackson
Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Jackson:

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed Boiler Maximum Achievable Control Technology rule (MACT) for industrial, commercial, and institutional boilers and process heaters that was published on June 4.

Like all Americans, Minnesota job providers are working hard to recover from the current economic recession. From a state government perspective, we have supported these efforts by not raising taxes, controlling spending, and stream-lining the regulatory process.

The pending regulations would be a blow to these efforts by diverting investments from job creation and economic expansion, particularly for manufacturing, the forest products industry, and both small and large businesses. Likewise, these rules would impact state and local government facilities and higher education institutions.

For example, the Minnesota forest products industry generates revenue of over $9 billion and employs 30,000 individuals. The fiscal impact of the proposed MACT rules on this vital industry is believed to be over $160 million, diverting capital from new investment and hiring. We can also expect the proposed MACT rules to impose billions in regulatory compliance costs across the county.

As you develop a final Boiler MACT rule, please consider an approach that fosters economic recovery and job growth balanced with environmental protection. Thank you for your consideration of these views.

Sincerely,

Tim Pawlenty
Governor

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