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The Honorable Lisa P. Jackson
Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Jackson:

I write to you today asking for the U.S. EPA to implement a more flexible approach to the Boiler Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) rule. Published on June 4th, the MACT rule will impact industrial, commercial and institutional boilers and process heaters.

There is no question that these rules will have a substantial impact on many Ohio businesses. I have been advised that the estimated cost to all industry in Ohio under the proposed MACT rule is $1,090,000,000/yr. Given this figure, I ask that the U.S. EPA give appropriate attention to the economic impact of the rule on Ohio businesses, including the potential for job loss resulting from such large capital investments.

I understand the critical balance that you must undertake when considering the protection of public health and the environment, while also considering the impact of regulatory requirements on employment in this difficult economy. Thank you for considering job protection and cost-effective options for Ohio businesses as you deliberate on these rules.

Sincerely,

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