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Administrator Lisa Jackson
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DA 20460-3300

Dear Administrator Jackson:

I am writing you to express my strong objection to the proposed Boiler MACT rule published by the Environmental Protection Agency on June 4th, 2010. Being good stewards of our environment is a principle that is very close to the heart of Georgians, and I certainly desire to protect Georgia's citizens from exposure to harmful compounds. However, the proposed rule is unreasonable and will impose serious -- perhaps fatal -- hardships on significant sectors of the economy just as the first fragile signs of economic recovery begin to emerge. It is clear that the emission limits set in this rule are too severe to meet, much less meet in the extremely short compliance timeline.

Our citizens will bear the cost for this precipitous action. These costs will come in many forms, from the tens of billions of dollars businesses will be required to spend in capital construction, to the loss of jobs and economic output that will slow our economy. As promoters of the public welfare, we share a responsibility to do everything we can to enable businesses to provide jobs and opportunities within our communities. Imposing such a large, sudden, and unexpected cost on them is unfair to the men and women who work hard and have struggled to support themselves and their families during this severe recession.

The proposed rule is also concerning in its treatment of biomass fuel. As we work to ensure that clean and renewable energy is a major component of our energy portfolio, we cannot forget the important role of biomass. Georgia is an innovation leader in this industry, and has considerable amounts of biomass resources. The proposed rule is a severe threat to the continued development of this environmentally responsible fuel.

I know that we share many of the same concerns of protecting the environment and the welfare of our citizens. As you move forward in the process of finalizing a Boiler MACT rule, I hope that you will recognize that the welfare of our citizens is dependent on many factors, not the least of which is the availability to find good jobs, plan for the future, and provide for their

families. This will require the final Boiler MACT rule to be reasonable and workable. As you move forward with finalizing the rule, I ask that you make the necessary adjustments to protect the health of our citizens without threatening their livelihoods and the recovery of our economy. Failure to make the necessary changes could cripple our economy.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Saxby Chambliss
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The Honorable Jack Kingston
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