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Hon. Lisa Jackson
United States EPA Headquarters
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Jackson:

The recently proposed Boiler Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) rule is bad policy for the State of Mississippi. While major source facilities in Mississippi might be able to more feasibly comply with the regulations imposed by the rule, area source facilities—which are significant to the state's economy—would feel devastating economic effects. Because of the costly control devices that would have to be installed, the pending Boiler MACT policy could restrict resources for potential investment and hiring, therefore, jeopardizing the future of the manufacturing industry and its important role in the state's economy.

The repercussions of the Boiler MACT rule would touch other key groups in the state as well. From businesses, local governments, and government research entities to universities and commercial facilities, the cost under Boiler MACT in Mississippi, alone, has been estimated at $360 million.

This rule would have far-reaching effects, costing billions of dollars for manufacturers and other groups in states throughout the country. Although I am certainly a proponent of reducing the health risks associated with toxic air emissions, I believe we must do so in a way that upholds the sustainability of the market. I urge you to consider alternative approaches that protect the health of our people and accommodate the critical need for jobs. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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