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The Honorable Jason Altmire
United States House of Representatives
332 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

VIA FACSIMILE

RE: Request to Co-Sign Congressional Letter to EPA on Boiler MACT Regulations

Dear Congressman Altmire:

On July 1, you received a request from Congressmen Minnick, Butterfield, Aderholt and Shimkus to sign on to a joint letter to EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson regarding the recently published Boiler MACT (Maximum Achievable Control Technology) rule.

On behalf of its membership comprising thousands of businesses of all sizes and across all industry sectors, the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry respectfully asks that you sign on to this joint letter.

The Boiler MACT sets emission limits for hazardous air pollutants. The proposed rules regarding Boiler MACT are very broad, affecting many industries. All non-exempt industrial, commercial or institutional boilers, new or existing, that are used to produce steam, hot water or electricity, would be subject to either the major source MACT rule, the area source MACT rule, or possibly even the more stringent rule for solid waste incinerators. The proposed rule would require installation of air pollution control devices that will conflict with other existing control requirements. Due to the methodology EPA is using, the Boiler MACT emission limits would be extremely burdensome, often approaching undetectable levels.

The question is whether or not these onerous requirements, that will cost industry billions of dollars to comply, will realize any real environmental benefit? The economic impact on industries that have already been hit with hard economic times will be devastating.

Thank you for your consideration. The deadline to sign on to the joint letter is July 23.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gene Barr".

Gene Barr
Vice President, Government & Public Affairs