

## **A Joint Letter on H. R. 3880, the Stopping EPA Overreach Act**

Washington, D. C.  
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The Honorable Paul Ryan  
Speaker  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.  
Via e-mail

Dear Mr. Speaker,

The undersigned organizations write to express our concerns about federal agency overreach, especially the Environmental Protection Agency's campaign to de-carbonize the U.S. electric power sector and dictate national climate policy.

The Environmental Protection Agency's climate-related regulations will have devastating consequences for the American economy, including higher energy prices and higher unemployment, while having almost no measurable impact on global greenhouse gas emissions. These regulations will be particularly harmful to lower income American families and those on fixed incomes, who spend a disproportionate amount of their earnings on energy.

One piece of legislation that addresses this overreach is the Stopping EPA Overreach Act, introduced by Representative Gary Palmer. H. R. 3880, which currently has 146 co-sponsors, would clarify that the Clean Air Act does not give the Environmental Protection Agency or any other federal agency the authority to regulate greenhouse gas emissions. In doing so, it would nullify recent climate-related rulemaking such as the EPA's New Source Performance Standards and Existing Source Performance Standards for greenhouse gas emissions from power plants.

Under the Constitution, it is the people's elected representatives who are empowered to make law, but executive branch agencies are more and more often ignoring the will of Congress. H. R. 3880 would require that the EPA follow the clear intent of Congress when it passed the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

We encourage you to move out of committee and hold a floor vote on this important legislation. If enacted, H. R. 3880 would stop EPA's job-killing regulations, help keep energy costs affordable, and help restore an accountable regulatory system.

Sincerely,

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