

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 28, 2012

The Honorable Barack Obama
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama

We are writing to urge that you issue an Executive Order exercising your authority under Clean Air Act section 112(i)(4) to grant an additional two years for all utilities to comply with the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) regulation. If states also use their authority to grant one additional year, utilities will have the full six years the Clean Air Act allows to install new pollution control equipment on coal and oil-fired power plants.

Many utilities have said that using the Clean Air Act's full six-year compliance timeline will make implementation of the rule more reasonable, practical and cost effective. It will allow more time to order and install equipment, to give the required public notice and to apply for necessary permits. It will also minimize the possibility of disruptions in reliable electric service. The certainty of a full six years for implementation will spread out costs and minimize increases on electric rates. It will improve the ability of utilities to develop more realistic implementation schedules to ensure that an adequate supply of pollution control technology is available from manufacturers.

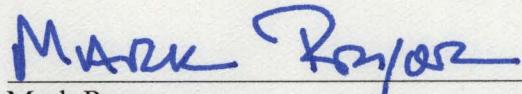
In short, exercising your presidential authority under the Clean Air Act to provide an additional two years for implementation of this rule will help citizens of our States achieve the health benefits of clean air at the lowest possible cost and with the least possibility of disruption of electric service.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

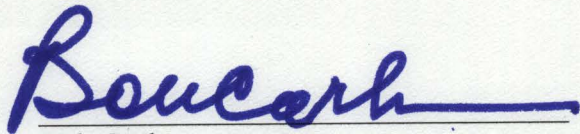
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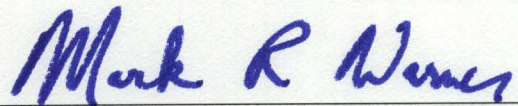
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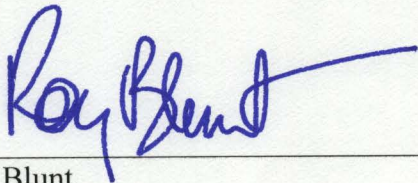
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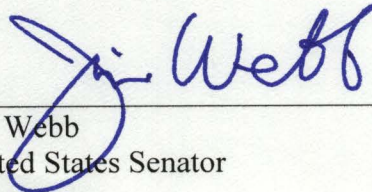
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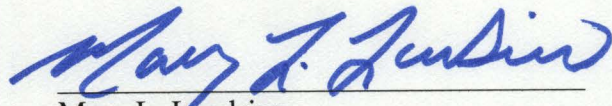
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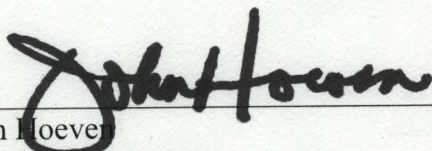
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