DRAFT Letter

To: OEOF Database

From: Local CEO/Statewide CEO/Glenn English

Action: Return 3 postcards (2 US Senators/1 House of Representatives) on EPA

Dear (Full Name);

I (or Name of local Electric Cooperative) need your help. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is considering new rules and regulations to limit greenhouse gas emissions from power plants which could lead to higher electric bills for everyone.

EPA bureaucrats wants to use the Clean Air Act to enforce their new rules – but Congress never intended for EPA to address climate change this way. The Clean Air Act was not designed to address climate change. And if allowed, a Member of Congress says it will result in a “glorious mess.” I agree.

This issue is the responsibility of Congress and not for bureaucrats at EPA to decide. And this is where your help is needed. Attached are three postcards: one to your Member of Congress and two to your U.S. Senators. They need to know you’re concerned about this issue.

Please tell your legislators that Congress needs to step in and prevent EPA from using the Clean Air Act as a tool for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. It's the role of Congress to determine any climate change policy – and ensure that it’s fair and affordable for all Americans.

Thankfully some in Congress understand this. They’ve recently introduced legislation to stop EPA from acting. But they need more support and that’s why your postcards are so important.

Your postcards urge lawmakers to co-sponsor legislation to stop EPA from moving forward and that it’s Congress’ responsibility to determine how to best deal with greenhouse gases – while at the same time keeping electric bills affordable.

Please take the time right now to sign and return these cards. The “Our Energy, Our Future” campaign is our local grassroots effort to make our voices heard in the halls of Congress. It relies on your active participation to ensure our success.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Name of CEO

Title

Name of Co-op/PPD

PS: If your U.S. Senator already supports legislation to prevent EPA from regulating greenhouse gas emissions, you’ll see a “thank you” message below.

Postcard copy SENATE (Urge to support)

**XXXFULL NAMEXXX**

**XXXADDRESS LINE 1XXX**

**XXXCITY, STATE Full ZipXXX**

Dear XXXName of Senator 1XXX:

I urge you to co-sponsor legislation that will prevent the Environmental Protection Agency from regulating greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act. This Act was never intended nor designed to regulate greenhouse gases. And it would result in a “glorious mess” according to the author of the Clean Air Act.

This issue belongs in Congress and should not be left to EPA bureaucrats. It is the responsibility of Congress to determine any greenhouse gas limits from power plants in a way that protects my electric bill and our nation’s economy.

Please support legislation that stops EPA from regulating greenhouse gases and help keep our electric bills affordable.

Sincerely,

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Senate: THANK YOU

**XXXFULL NAMEXXX**

**XXXADDRESS LINE 1XXX**

**XXXCITY, STATE Full ZipXXX**

Dear XXXName of Senator 2XXX:

Thank you for supporting S.J. Res. 26 introduced by Sen. Lisa Murkowski and Sen. Blanche Lincoln which “disapproves” of the endangerment findings of the Environmental Protection Agency and closes the door to Clean Air Act regulations of greenhouse gases.

I appreciate your understanding that legislation is needed to prevent the EPA from regulating greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act. This law was never intended nor designed to regulate greenhouse gases. And it would result in a “glorious mess” according to the author of the Clean Air Act.

This issue belongs in Congress and should not be left to EPA bureaucrats. It is the responsibility of Congress to determine greenhouse gas limits from power plants in a way that protects my electric bill and our nation’s economy.

Thank you again for supporting this important legislation. Given these tough economic times, keeping electric bills affordable must be a high priority.

Sincerely,

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_