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Dear Representatives and Senators,

On behalf of more than 2.8 million Americans for Prosperity activists in all 50 states, I write to you in support of resolutions under the Congressional Review Act (CRA) disapproving of the Environmental Protection Agency's rule regarding carbon emissions from existing electric utility generating units. The so-called Clean Power Plan (CPP), is an overreach of executive power by President Obama to implement an agenda so radical that he could not get it passed through Congress when his party controlled both chambers.

The CPP will have a devastating impact on families, businesses, and manufacturers across the country by their access to affordable and reliable electricity. [Energy Venture Analysis estimated](#) that the CPP will raise the average family's annual utility costs \$680 per year by 2020. However, the costs were based on the draft version of the rule. The final version increased the carbon reduction mandates for many states to draconian levels. The [Heritage Foundation forecasts](#) an employment shortfall of 1 million jobs with half of these losses in the manufacturing industry.

Given these downsides, it's no wonder that the states are pushing back. Since the EPA first proposed the rule in 2014, we've seen an overwhelming opposition at the state and grassroots level. Legislators in many states have passed legislation protecting their states from the harmful impacts of this rule; 24 attorneys general have brought lawsuits challenging the legality of the rule. Members of Congress should fight for reliable and affordable electricity by supporting meaningful efforts to overturn the rule, such as Congressman Whitfield's [H.J. Res. 72](#), Congressman Ratcliffe's [H.J. Res. 67](#), Majority Leader McConnell's [S.J. Res. 23](#), and Senator Capito's [S.J. Res. 24](#).

Americans for Prosperity is proud to support CRA resolutions that disapprove of the assault on affordable and reliable electricity from the Obama administration. I urge you to support the passage of these efforts and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

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