



June 3, 2015

The Honorable Ed Whitfield
2184 Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Whitfield:

On behalf of the 100,000 members of the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Council (SBE Council), I am pleased to support H.R. 2042, the “Ratepayer Protection Act of 2015.”

H.R. 2042 protects small business consumers from costly carbon dioxide emission Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations. Entrepreneurs and the self-employed are very concerned about EPA’s rules and intentions, as the mandates will raise electricity costs, hurting their businesses and customers alike. Many small firms continue to struggle in the weak economy. Smaller enterprises can no longer absorb new costs or pass these on to consumers without rendering their businesses noncompetitive.

EPA’s onerous regulations will lead to job loss and place more burdens on consumers, especially in households where paychecks and buying power have stagnated or deteriorated. Our economy cannot afford EPA’s onerous rules.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Karen Kerrigan'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Karen' and last name 'Kerrigan' clearly distinguishable.

Karen Kerrigan
President & CEO

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