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## **Statement from the 60 Plus Association in Support of H.R. 2042 - Ratepayer Protection Act**

(Alexandria, Virginia) -- The non-partisan 60 Plus Association, America's largest center-right seniors advocacy organization with over 7.2 million senior supporters nationally, offered their strong endorsement today of H.R. 2042, the Ratepayer Protection Act.

H.R. 2042 aims to postpone any implementation of EPA's Clean Power Plan (CPP) until all pending legal challenges are resolved, with the stated goal of protecting families, businesses, seniors on fixed incomes and the poor from the huge increases in their electric bills certain to result from this EPA regulation. The Act will also stem other harmful effects of the CPP, including reduced electric reliability.

Said 60 Plus Chairman Jim Martin, "The EPA under President Obama has been aggressively undermining the safety and security of tens of millions of American seniors through policies certain to cause energy bills to skyrocket, and will make our electric grid less reliable and more susceptible to outages.

"EPA's so-called Clean Power Plan is of questionable legality, with Obama's own former law professor, Harvard's Laurence Tribe, stating emphatically that it amounts to 'burning the Constitution.' Given the legal difficulties of this bureaucratic action, along with the pain and misery certain to follow of causing electric bills to spike by up to 40% according to reliable and careful studies, the brakes need to be put on CPP immediately so that states and their most vulnerable citizens don't get bulldozed by Washington.

"The EPA has run amok in its egregious over-reach with regard to the law. H.R. 2042 is a critical piece of legislation that needs to be passed immediately, for the protection of our most vulnerable citizens, and for the protection of the rule of law we cherish."