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The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington DC 20515

The Honorable Ed Whitfield
Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy and Power
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Dear Chairman Upton and Chairman Whitfield:

I am writing to express our support for H.R. 3826, the Electricity Security and Affordability Act. For many legal and policy reasons, ACCCE is opposed to the regulation of carbon dioxide (CO₂) and other greenhouse gas emissions under the Clean Air Act. Unfortunately, EPA is developing regulations to limit CO₂ emissions from both new and existing coal-fired power plants. Therefore, H.R. 3826 is necessary to guide EPA's actions.

Recently, EPA proposed new source performance standards under section 111(b) of the Clean Air Act. These proposed standards are based on carbon capture and storage, a technology that is not adequately demonstrated, as required by the Clean Air Act. H.R. 3826 is necessary to ensure that EPA's standards for new plants are actually based on the requirements of the Clean Air Act.

Also, the bill will ensure that Congress has the opportunity to influence any EPA program to regulate CO₂ emissions from existing coal-fired electric generating units under section 111(d). Unless Congress is afforded such an opportunity, we

expect that EPA will continue its assault on coal-fired electricity generation and cause further unnecessary increases in energy costs.

As you know, energy costs have increased significantly over the past decade, and higher energy costs are especially harmful to lower-income and middle-income families. For example, nearly one-third of U.S. households have annual incomes less than \$30,000. Energy costs are projected to consume, on average, one-fourth of their family budgets. In fact, energy costs for lower-income and middle-income families have risen to a level at which they are competing with other basic necessities such as food, housing, and health care. ACCCE has sponsored analysis which indicates that one proposal for regulating CO₂ emissions from existing fossil fuel-fired electric generating units would cost consumers \$116 billion to \$151 billion in higher energy costs.

For these reasons, we wholeheartedly endorse your efforts to pass the Electricity Security and Affordability Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Duncan".

Mike Duncan

President and CEO