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Dan Byers is senior director for policy at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Institute for 21st Century Energy (Energy Institute). Byers leads the Institute's efforts to promote and maintain coal's vital role in America's energy system.

Byers brings to the Energy Institute expertise on the intersection of energy-related science, technology, and public policy. He directs the Chamber in assessing the impact of existing and emerging federal laws and regulations on the U.S. energy industry—specifically on coal-fired energy—and is responsible for building and supporting partnerships that highlight the important role of coal in our nation's energy mix. Byers leads the Partnership for a Better Energy Future, a coalition of businesses, associations, and stakeholder groups launched by the Energy Institute and the National Association of Manufacturers. The Partnership supports responsible energy regulation and fosters constructive conversations about the potential impact of the administration's proposed greenhouse gas regulations.

Before joining the Chamber, Byers was staff director of the Energy and Environment Subcommittee for the House of Representatives Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. The subcommittee jurisdiction includes science and technology activities at the Department of Energy (DOE), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Byers' work on the subcommittee focused on revitalizing oversight of EPA, including the development and execution of strategies to reform and improve the agency's regulatory science activities.

During the second term of the Bush administration, Byers served from 2005 to 2009 as deputy to the associate director for technology at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), where he oversaw policy development and coordination associated with a broad suite of technology issues. From 2007 to 2009, he also worked for the White House National Economic Council, leading the development and coordination of telecommunications policy for the Bush administration.

Previously, Byers held a variety of positions in the House of Representatives, including staff director of the House Science Committee Subcommittee on Research from 2003 to 2005. He began his career on Capitol Hill in 2000 in the office of Rep. Nick Smith (R-MI).

Byers holds an M.S. in soil science from North Carolina State University and a B.S. in crop and soil environmental sciences from Virginia Tech. He lives in Fairfax, Virginia, with his wife and two sons.



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