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The Honorable Frank Pallone
Chairman
House Energy and Commerce Committee
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Ranking Member
House Energy and Commerce Committee
2322 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Pallone and Ranking Member McMorris Rodgers:

I am writing concerning the upcoming markup of the House Energy and Commerce Committee's reconciliation bill. The National Mining Association's (NMA) coal members oppose the Clean Electricity Performance Program contained in the bill because this provision will threaten the security, reliability and resiliency that a diverse mix of fuels provides our electricity grid.

In fact, recent polling from [Morning Consult](#) overwhelmingly demonstrates that Americans are not simply worried about reliability, they want action to ensure reliability isn't sacrificed in the transition ahead. Seventy-two percent of Americans are concerned that the speed of the transition to variable sources of power is coming at the cost of grid reliability. The same poll also found that 63 percent of Americans believe that policymakers should proceed with caution and maintain traditional sources of power as a grid reliability insurance policy. When considering the threat of cyberattacks, 60 percent of Americans support policymakers providing a fuel security incentive to power plants that keep weeks or even months of fuel on site.

Smart policy should recognize and reward the reliability and fuel security provided by the nation's coal fleet, which has already demonstrated its consistent dependability in extreme cold earlier this year and extreme heat this summer. Rather than the short timelines in this reconciliation bill for sweeping change to our electricity generation, policymakers should encourage thoughtful planning by providing incentives to maintain dispatchable, fuel-secure sources of power, such as coal power plants, that can serve as a reliability insurance policy while the infrastructure and energy technologies of tomorrow are brought to scale.

A federal Clean Electricity Performance Program threatens the reliability and affordability of our nation's electricity grid. This legislation is not the place to attempt such substantial changes.

Sincerely,

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Rich Nolan