# Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 13, 2014

The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

As you know the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed a greenhouse gas reduction rule, known as the Clean Power Plan proposal, to cut carbon pollution from existing fossil fuel-fired electricity generating units by 30 percent below 2005 levels. The EPA has set carbon reduction goals for each state, with Arizona's set at nearly 52 percent. Under this rule, Arizona will be required to reach this carbon reduction goal by the year 2030.

Almost one year in the making, the administration's proposal is extremely complex and will have profound impacts on every sector of Arizona's economy, from our utilities to our families and businesses. Outreach to Arizona stakeholders on a rule of this magnitude is imperative.

We understand that EPA has completed the initial phase of its outreach efforts in preparation for the proposed rule and has now begun the second phase of outreach, which will include a public comment period and four public hearings on the Clean Power Plan proposal during the week of July 28 in Denver, Atlanta, Washington, D.C., and Pittsburgh.

Unfortunately, these public hearings fail to provide a necessary opportunity for the state of Arizona and the voices of our constituents to be heard. This is difficult to understand considering that the EPA's reduction goal for Arizona is one of the highest out of any state in the country. Additionally, several of the state's generation plants provide power to underserved and rural communities, presenting unique challenges for achieving these proposed targets.

At this time, we respectfully urge you to add an additional public hearing in our state of Arizona. If your agency intends to implement this rule in a way that works for everyone, you must hear directly from our communities.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We would appreciate a response no later than June 20, 2014.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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