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The United States Senate
Washington D.C., 20510

Dear Senators:

The American Nurses Association (ANA) urges you to oppose the “Stationary Source Regulations Delay Act,” S. 3072, proposed by Senator John D. Rockefeller, IV. This Act proposes a two year suspension of *any* Environmental Protection Agency action under the Clean Air Act in regards to two powerful greenhouse gases and pollutants: carbon dioxide and methane, “other than with respect to motor vehicle emissions, and for other purposes.” Given that the Senate has thus far failed to pass comprehensive climate and clean energy legislation it is more critical than ever that we move forward with existing means to reduce harmful global warming pollution.

ANA is the only full-service professional organization representing the interests of the nation's 3.1 million registered nurses through its constituent member nurses associations, its organizational affiliates, and its workforce advocacy affiliate.

ANA has strong policy on global climate change and the imminent need for reduction of greenhouse gases. As continued high greenhouse gas emissions affect Earth's climate thereby endangering human and environmental health, ANA's House of Delegates passed a resolution in 2008 entitled “Global Climate Change”. This resolution states “that the American Nurses Association recognizes and publicly acknowledges that the challenges we face as a result of global climate change are unprecedented in human history...” ANA is aware of the myriad of health threats that climate change brings and the importance of reducing greenhouse gas emissions *now* to mitigate further damage to the planet.

ANA opposed similar legislation proposed in early 2010: Senator Lisa Murkowski's “Resolution of Disapproval” SJ Res. 26. This joint resolution was eventually rejected by Senate vote.

ANA is confident you will join us in opposing Senator Rockefeller's “Stationary Source Regulation Delay Act” or other comparable type of proposed legislation or amendment. Your leadership in opposing the aforementioned resolution will result in assisting with climate change mitigation, thereby improving human and environmental health.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to voice ANA's stance on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rose J. Gonzalez".

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