



## 5. LOBBYING: 21 trade groups ask Congress to delay EPA climate rules (12/01/2010)

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Nearly two dozen industry groups sent joint letters to House and Senate leaders yesterday urging them to postpone U.S. EPA's power to regulate greenhouse gas emissions next year. The groups suggest that the delay be written into whatever funding bill eventually replaces the measure that is set to expire at the end of the week.

The continuing resolution that is currently funding the federal government for fiscal 2011 was passed in September, as previous attempts to vote on other appropriations measures have thus far failed.

Trade groups that signed onto the letters include several mining, timber and chemical processors and manufacturers, as well as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The groups argue that EPA's intention to regulate emissions from stationary sources will have "detrimental effects" across several industries and are pushing for a moratorium on regulation to be included in any long-term funding bill.

Letting EPA go forward with its regulation of greenhouse gases next year, the groups wrote, will put a "virtual freeze on new construction of manufacturing facilities or energy efficiency modifications to existing facilities."

The letters go on to say that the regulations will create a new hurdle for private investment that is currently on an upswing, using data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Copies of the letters were addressed to majority and minority leaders in the House and Senate, as well as the chairmen and ranking members on the House and Senate appropriations committees.

[Click here](#) to read the groups' letter to Senate leaders, [here](#) for their letter to leaders of the Senate Appropriations Committee, [here](#) for their letter to House leaders, and [here](#) for their letter to leaders of the House Appropriations Committee.

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