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Dear Representative:

Republicans for Environmental Protection, a national grassroots organization, respectfully urges you to oppose current efforts to prevent or delay the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from implementing its Endangerment Finding and using the Clean Air Act to help control greenhouse gas emissions.

We agree with the views, stated by many members of Congress and by representatives of the administration, that passing comprehensive climate legislation is the preferable approach for limiting greenhouse gas emissions. Nevertheless, consideration of measures to alter EPA's authority under the Clean Air Act is both premature and counterproductive.

It would be far more prudent for Congress to consider EPA's proper role with respect to greenhouse gas pollution within the context of a climate bill. Limiting EPA authority now would be akin to a carpenter throwing away tools he may need in route to a job site.

The agency's Endangerment Finding, which was adopted in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's 2007 ruling ordering the agency to review the impacts of greenhouse gas emissions on public health and welfare, is a scientific conclusion based on the best available research and should not be subject to legislative fiat.

That finding allows EPA to move forward in implementing an historic agreement on vehicle efficiency and emissions standards that enjoys the support of auto manufacturers and will yield substantial benefits by reducing pollution, cutting fuel costs, and lowering America's dangerous dependence on oil.

In addition, the Clean Air Act's New Source Review permitting requirements can ensure that new and modified large sources will apply modern emissions reduction technologies, including energy efficiency equipment and practices that reduce fuel costs and make U.S. businesses more competitive.

Anyone who takes climate change seriously should want to keep options for addressing the problem on the table, not take them off, especially when Congress's ability to pass comprehensive climate legislation remains uncertain.

Should EPA advance regulations to control greenhouse gas emissions from stationary sources, Congress can then decide whether or not EPA's actions are prudent—and act accordingly.

We urge you to vote against H.R. 4396, H.R. 4753, H. J. Res 66, H.J. Res. 76 or any other measure designed to restrict or delay EPA's ability to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

We also urge Congress to move forward expeditiously towards passing comprehensive climate and energy legislation that would stimulate job creation, reinforce U.S. technological leadership, protect public health, and reduce America's vulnerability to dangerous oil-exporting regimes.

Thank you for considering our views on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Jenkins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D".

David Jenkins  
Vice President of Government and Political Affairs