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The Honorable Michael Regan
Administrator
US Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan:

I write to request an extension of at least 45 days from the current deadline of June 21, 2022 for the comment period associated with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) so-called "Good Neighbor Plan" proposal, the Federal Implementation Plan Addressing Regional Ozone Transport for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2021-0668), 87 Fed. Reg. 20,036 (Apr. 6, 2022).

Affecting 26 states in total, the proposal would tighten nitrogen oxide emissions limitations on power plants and regulate emissions from certain industrial sources for the first time due to alleged ozone transport. The affected industrial sources include those in the natural gas, cement, iron, steel, and other sectors vital to our economy – sectors particularly important as we move forward with implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act amidst a war in Ukraine on top of an already strained supply chain and soaring energy prices. The 60-day comment period for the proposed revisions is too short to allow for a full review, careful analysis, and feedback from potentially impacted parties that wish to share their views on a proposal of this reach. While the 15-day extension of the comment published in the Federal Register on May 12 is helpful, this still does not provide enough time for careful review and feedback on this proposal.

I would appreciate hearing from you by May 31, 2022 on this request.

Sincerely,



Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member
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CC: Joseph Goffman, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator