

June 8, 2026

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President, The United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington DC, 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We are writing as independent climate and energy experts to request that you expedite the finalization of the EPA's proposed rescission of all greenhouse gas emissions standards for coal plants. The EPA [proposed](#) the rescission last June, but the proposal has not yet been finalized.

Although the current global energy crisis is likely to be transient, our domestic energy needs for data centers and reindustrialization are rapidly growing. They underscore the further need for America to be able to utilize its own natural resources, especially coal.

We should be burning as much coal as possible for electricity generation so we can export as much natural gas to countries that will pay more for it than U.S. utilities will for electricity generation. Coal came to America's rescue in response to the 1970s energy crisis. It can do so again.

We have an [estimated](#) 249 billion tons of recoverable coal. That coal is worth \$5-10 trillion at current market prices and could produce economic value from electricity generation worth \$20-40 trillion. Coal burning in modern power plants is clean and safe.

Previous administrations unconstitutionally and illegally worked to wreck the U.S. coal industry, purely for political reasons under the guise of the climate hoax. Tens of thousands of highly-paid industry workers lost their jobs. Coal communities, companies and supporting businesses were devastated for no good reason.

Doing everything possible to support the rejuvenation of the vital coal industry is a no-brainer.

Yet we believe this prod to action is necessary for the following reasons:

- Whenever the EPA proposal is finalized, it will certainly be litigated by radical green activist groups. This litigation should start as soon as possible to ensure that your administration can defend the rescission to final victory at the Supreme Court.

- In addition to the radical green groups, coal industry competitors and “resistance” bureaucrats hope to delay, throw sand in the gears and to otherwise sabotage the rescission so as to aid and abet anti-coal lawfare.
- Over the last 15 years of anti-coal hysteria, the coal industry has not always been the best, or even a competent, advocate for itself. The US coal industry is, for the most part, no longer even owned by the proud and patriotic industry titans that built it and were personally invested in its and our country’s success.

To your great credit, you have already rescinded the Obama EPA endangerment finding for emissions of greenhouse gases from vehicles. That rule served as the scientific basis for ensnaring coal plants with the greenhouse gas emissions standards at issue. The coal industry should be liberated from all junk science-fueled emissions standards now.

The law and science are clear. You have the grounds and power to make it happen now. Please do so.

Sincerely,

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