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The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator
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Dear Administrator McCarthy:

On behalf of the 500,000 members of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), I am writing to express our concerns regarding the EPA's proposed ozone regulations.

We are concerned that by lowering the National Ambient Air Quality Standard's (NAAQS) ground-level ozone standards to between 70 and 65 parts per billion (ppb), we will be negatively impacting America's industries, workers, and competitiveness. Businesses and communities are still working towards complying with the current standard of 75 ppb, which was established only in 2008. While air quality is extremely important, LIUNA is concerned with the detrimental impact this rule, if implemented, will have on both the American job market and our economy.

LIUNA agrees that the United States must continue to place a priority on decreasing our air pollution, but the proposed dramatic emissions reduction will place millions of jobs and billions of dollars at risk. The construction and related manufacturing businesses who are most affected by the extreme requirements are also among the best providers of good-paying jobs for Americans. We cannot continue to layer environmental regulation upon environmental regulation without considering the impact it will have on our economy and our workers. Let us work to fully achieve the current standard first, before placing stricter regulations on an industry struggling to get back on its feet.

While businesses across the country are working towards complying with the previous rule, moving the goalpost further away only weakens our country's global competitiveness and sets us up for failure. Our air has become significantly cleaner in recent decades due in part to the shift to natural gas fuel as well as many EPA regulations in place, including the current ozone standard. Our ozone levels have fallen over thirty percent since 1980, according to a study conducted by the EPA. Therefore, I urge the Administration and the EPA to keep the current regulations in effect. Solving this challenge can and must be done in a way that does not stunt America's growth.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

TERRY O'SULLIVAN
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cc: Brian Deese, Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor

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