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The Honorable John Boehner
 Speaker of the House
 U.S. House of Representatives
 Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Harry Reid
 Senate Majority Leader
 U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
 House Minority Leader
 U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
 Senate Minority Leader
 U.S. Senate
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Dear Speaker Boehner, Majority Leader Reid, Minority Leader Pelosi, and Minority Leader McConnell:

We, the undersigned businesses and business groups, write to urge Congress to ensure that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) retains its existing authority to implement the hazardous air pollutant regulations for the electric sector consistent with the Clean Air Act's requirements and timing obligations. In line with *Ensuring a Clean, Modern Electric Generating Fleet while Maintaining Electric System Reliability*, a June 2011 study performed by the Analysis Group, it is our view that industry can comply with the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards for the electric utility sector proposed by EPA without threatening electric system reliability. Further, the ongoing public comment period, in which many businesses are participating, will allow EPA to refine technical aspects of the rule.

We value predictable, science-based rules that provide the certainty needed for sound, long-term capital investments. Significant investments have been made in control technologies and clean generation in anticipation of implementation of the proposed Mercury and Air Toxics Standards. More will be invested as our nation's electric utility sector modernizes and works to comply with the finalized standards.

Concerns have been raised about the reliability of the electric system should EPA follow its established deadline to finalize the proposed standards. These views are based on assumptions that underestimate the ability of America's electric sector to invest, retrofit and construct new clean generation. Additionally, America's available clean energy resources, including the broad collection of natural gas, energy efficiency, and renewable energy technologies and services, have a major role to play in our nation's energy future. Their continued and expanded deployment—from clean and efficient combined cycle natural gas units to demand response to renewable energy generation—will strengthen the grid's reliability and resiliency.

The Mercury and Air Toxics Standards will protect human health and the environment and help to grow our economy. Shifting to lower emissions technologies and resources while upgrading our nation's electric generation infrastructure will help drive economic growth and create jobs. According to a study prepared by the Political Economy Research Institute at the University of Massachusetts, when paired with the Clean Air Transport Rule, the proposed Mercury and Air Toxics Standards could drive the creation of more than 1.4 million jobs over the next five years in the pollution controls, engineering, and construction fields.

Uncontrolled toxic air emissions are real and sizeable threats, both to public health and to the economy. Families, companies and investors need certainty on air emissions policy for healthier living and for economic growth. Delaying regulation will keep capital on the sidelines and further restrict investment in America's energy infrastructure and innovative technologies.

Sincerely,

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Iberdrola Renewables
Invenergy LLC
Jupiter Oxygen Corporation
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Mitsubishi Power Systems Americas, Inc.
National Grid
Nordex USA
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Oak Creek Energy
Pacific Gas & Electric Company
Pattern Energy
Petra Solar
Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association
Recycled Energy Development
RES Americas
Sempra Energy
Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association
Small Business Majority
Solar Energy Industries Association
SolarCity
The Stella Group
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cc: Members of Congress
The Honorable Lisa Jackson, EPA Administrator