

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Regan:

As Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Congressional Steel Caucus, we write to express our concerns regarding the proposed rules below from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):

- National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Taconite Iron Ore Processing Amendments (EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0664)
- Integrated Iron and Steel Manufacturing Facilities (EPA-HQ-EPA-OAR-2002-0083)
- National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Coke Ovens: Pushing, Quenching, and Battery Stacks, and Coke Oven Batteries (EPA-HQ-OAR-2002-0085 and EPA-HQ-OAR-2003-0051).

The American steel industry and its manufacturing workforce produces the world's cleanest steel, made possible by years of substantial investments into climate initiatives. According to the American Iron and Steel Institute, the steel industry has reduced its energy intensity per ton of production by 35 percent and carbon dioxide emissions intensity by 37 percent in the past three decades. We also would highlight that these efforts will continue to be augmented by research and technology investments being made under current law.

We are grateful for your efforts to assist in the implementation of these laws and want to ensure that the proposed rules do not hinder the ability of the American steel industry to make robust investments into these important environmental initiatives.

Industry leaders have shared with us that these rules, as drafted, pose a threat to the competitiveness of steel producers and tens of thousands of good-paying union jobs. Our understanding is that these rules do not consider current technology capabilities and economic feasibility and may jeopardize the industry's ability to meet other environmental initiatives and health requirements for workers. We also are concerned that any action to diminish the ability of the American steel industry to meet the demands of our economy will be manufactured by