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House members exhort EPA to revise clean air proposal

Proposed rule on carbon emissions seriously flawed

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX (Nov. 26, 2014) – Speaker of the House Andy Tobin and fellow House Republicans are strongly urging the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to reconsider its proposal to regulate carbon emissions from existing power plants in Arizona.

“The proposed rule is seriously flawed,” said Speaker Tobin. “It does not properly assess Arizona’s current energy portfolio and transmission infrastructure, and wrongly assumes that natural gas can easily replace Arizona’s reliance on low-cost, highly reliable coal resources.”

In a letter to the EPA dated Nov. 26, 2014, Speaker Tobin, Rep. Frank Pratt - who chairs the House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee – and a number of other House Republicans asked the EPA to reconsider its proposed rule under Section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act.

The letter highlights that Arizona has been a leader in developing carbon-free and low-carbon energy resources, increasing carbon-free electric generation to more than 36 percent of Arizona’s entire energy portfolio. The letter also poses a number of questions to the EPA that members believe the Agency has not answered.

The entire letter can be read at www.azleg.gov/pressreleases.asp, under the section titled House Republicans.

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