



March 14, 2011

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

The Honorable Fred Upton
Chair – House Committee on Energy & Commerce
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
House Minority Leader
U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Henry Waxman
Ranking Member – House Committee on Energy & Commerce
2322A Rayburn House Office Building
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Re: H.R. 910 – Upton-Inhofe Act

Dear Speaker Boehner, Minority Leader Pelosi, Chairman Upton and Ranking Member Waxman:

We are writing to oppose H.R. 910, which would harm America's economic future by restricting the ability of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to regulate greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act.

Over the last 40 years, the EPA has been as much a protector of our economy as of the public's health. Indeed, standards under the Clean Air Act are a key component in helping to ensure that we move our economy forward and create jobs. From our scientific research, we know that most small business owners support clean energy strategies that not only reduce pollution but enable us to transition to a robust 21st century clean energy economy.

A national poll that we released last year found that 61% of small business owners agree that moving the country towards clean energy is a way to restart the economy and make their businesses more competitive. Our survey also found that two-thirds of small businesses are already taking steps to conserve energy and many are interested in doing even more. Moreover, the EPA recently released a report showing that over the past 40 years the Clean Air Act has resulted in \$2 trillion in economic benefits due to factors such as lower healthcare costs and reduced employee absenteeism.

Despite this success, some in Congress are seeking to undermine the EPA's authority to enforce the Clean Air Act, when they should instead focus on passing legislation that will create jobs and boost business opportunities for employers across the nation. H.R. 910 will not help small businesses innovate and create jobs, nor will it help our economy thrive.

We urge you to help small businesses succeed by opposing this bill and continuing to support the EPA and its responsible enforcement of the Clean Air Act so that small businesses, and the millions of workers they employ, can keep taking advantage of its numerous benefits.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Arensmeyer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

John Arensmeyer
Founder & CEO