

August 3, 2020

The Honorable Andrew Wheeler, Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004

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Dear Administrator Wheeler and Staff,

I am writing to submit comments in strong support of the proposed rule to codify the criteria used in completing the cost-benefit analysis attached to any future rule issued under the Clean Air Act. I join with many others in applauding this direction, as the EPA has, in previous years, failed to properly and consistently account for the true costs of the regulations it proposes.

This rule corrects that oversight by putting rules in place that require the Agency to assess the risks, costs, and benefits of any future regulation in a manner that is consistent, transparent, and adheres to best practices.

Industries and businesses, including mine, which are directly impacted by EPA regulations, deserve to know how potential costs and benefits are determined, and what criteria are used to make those determinations. The economic evaluation of a government rule or regulation should be objective and not simply used as a tool to promote a particular policy objective held by the sitting administration. Presidents and officials from both parties have indicated their desire that agency evaluations fairly and objectively reflect the true costs that could be imposed by their decisions, as well as the public benefits. Making the process transparent and consistent lends credibility and legitimacy to the decisions made by these agencies, and helps to ensure they do not do more harm than good.

This proposed rule is a far better way to approach rulemaking than we have seen in the past. I thank you and your agency for taking this approach, and hope that you will adopt this rule as presented.

Respectfully,

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President,
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