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The Honorable Robert P. Casey, Jr.  
393 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Casey:

As a follow up to last year's meeting that you had with members of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry regarding the EPA's proposed Boiler MACT regulations and the EPA Regulatory Relief Act, I am writing to express strong support for S. 1392, the Senate's version of the EPA Regulatory Relief Act.

As you know, S. 1392 would give the EPA more time to revise the proposed Boiler MACT regulations for emissions from fossil fuel and biomass boilers located at commercial, industrial, and institutional facilities, including hospitals and colleges and universities. The PA Chamber believes that it is extremely important for the EPA to have an additional 15 months needed to come up with achievable and workable limits. This additional time would allow the regulated community five years to achieve compliance and provide adequate time to plan for additional costs associated with implementing the new rules.

It is estimated that the Boiler MACT rules could cost manufacturers more than \$14 billion in new capital costs alone, with little, if any, environmental benefit compared to a properly developed and implemented rule. In Pennsylvania, there are 82 different types of boilers in operation that would require an additional \$726 million in capital costs to be compliant. For some manufacturing facilities, these rules could be the tipping point between staying open and closing.

With the aforementioned in mind, we urge you in your role as a conferee to support S.1392 by including it in the conference agreement on the payroll tax package.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SD", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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