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June 17, 2015

Mr. Brian Deese
Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor
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Dear Mr. Deese,

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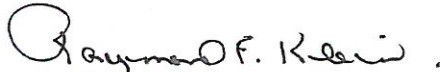
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Sincerely,


Raymond F. Klein
Smithton, Mayor

cc: Richard J. Durbin, US Senate
Mark Kirk, US Senate
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Mr. Brian Deese
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Dear Mr. Deese,

As an Illinois municipality, we are facing a very challenging time. Additionally, as political deadlock in Washington complicates progress, elected municipal officials are working together for bipartisan solutions.

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Scott Raes
Mayor
City of Moline

c: Richard J. Durbin, US Senate
Mark Kirk, US Senate
Gina McCarthy, US EPA
Valerie Jarrett, Assistant to the President
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Dan Elsasser, Village President
Mt. Morris, IL 61054

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June 15, 2015

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Missey Moorman Schumacher
Village President

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June 18, 2015

Mr. Brian Deese
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Dear Brian Deese:

On behalf of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association (IMA) and our nearly 4,000 member companies and facilities in the state, I am writing today in opposition to the rule now under consideration by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to raise ground-level ozone standards. Illinois manufacturers today employ 575,000 workers and contribute the single largest share of the Gross State Product.

The IMA believes the air quality levels required by this proposal would put at risk a key sector of this region's economy, stifle economic growth and investment, and cause significant job losses throughout our state. Economic recovery has not advanced at the same pace in all states, and Illinois has experienced comparatively slow growth since the end of the recession five years ago. The lack of a credible tax and spending plan has created long-term fiscal uncertainty among resident companies and those that are considering relocation. The manufacturing sector here would be hard pressed to comply with more burdensome air quality regulation.

Should the pending ozone rule be implemented, we fear that manufacturing permits would be more difficult to obtain, construction and repair of infrastructure necessary to transport equipment and goods would be stalled and the cost of energy would rise. Manufacturing companies will have to buy and install costly new equipment, instead of expanding and hiring more workers. It is likely that some operations will not survive.

These businesses represent the very industries that led this country out of the recession and pay high wages benefitting the middle class. New, more stringent ozone regulations would put the future manufacturing and their workforce at risk. We ask that the pending EPA ozone rule be withdrawn until economic recovery is more firmly established here in Illinois and throughout the nation.

Thank you.

Mark Denzler
Vice President & COO

cc: U.S. Senator Dick Durbin
U.S. Senator Mark Kirk
U.S. Representative Rodney Davis
Gina McCarthy, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
Valerie Jarrett, Senior Advisor to the President for Public Engagement & Intergovernmental Affairs



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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Darryl F. Lindberg, *Mayor*

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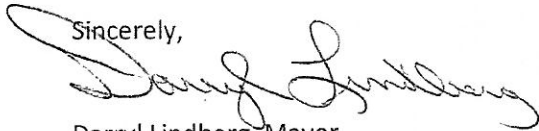
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"The City with a Heart"

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Sincerely,

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Darryl Lindberg, Mayor
City of Loves Park, Illinois

c: Richard J. Durbin, US Senate
Mark Kirk, US Senate
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Valerie Jarrett, Assistant to the President
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CITY OF METROPOLIS

BILLY McDANIEL, MAYOR

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Billy McDaniel, Mayor

c: Richard J. Durbin, US Senate
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Dear Mr. Deese:

The Environmental Protection Agency holds a very important role as a steward of our planet. The efforts made to ensure that we have clean air and water, a stable climate and natural resources that thrive must not go unnoticed.

However, in the case of the proposed new ozone levels, the agency seems to have gone too far in pursuit of a noble goal. As a nation, we're already well on track to achieve the existing 75 parts per million standard the EPA set only a few years ago. We're not there yet, but most communities will hit that target on time.

Even before that goal has been met, the EPA now wants to lower it even further. Changing the goal posts mid-game makes it harder for communities to plan and more difficult to achieve the ultimate objective.

The impact of this aggressive regulation can be extremely costly to the private sector. A majority of businesses in my ward are manufacturers, and they are just starting to gain traction as they emerge from the long economic downturn. As they are forced to adopt the cost of the ozone regulation, it will be harder for them to create good, high-paying jobs and innovate for the future.

The City of Chicago already has staggering budget problems that threaten our city's ability to deliver the services that our residents expect and deserve. We're taking incremental and important steps to reduce our carbon footprint, but adopting the most costly regulation ever proposed by the federal government would not do the city any favors.

The EPA should carefully weigh the costs and benefits of changing the ozone standard. A careful analysis will find that now is not the time to saddle Chicago and communities across the country with this costly obligation.

Sincerely,

John Pope
10th Ward Alderman

cc: US Senator Dick Durbin
US Senator Mark Kirk
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May 26, 2015

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Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Deese,

The members of the not-for-profit Technology & Manufacturing Association are deeply concerned about the negative impacts a 65 ppb NAAQS ozone standard would inflict on our industry. We urge the EPA to withdraw this proposed change and leave the ozone standard at its present level.

First assembling in 1925, the eight original members of the TMA have grown to more than 1,000 precision manufacturing and supplier companies in the greater Chicago area. Our members manufacture a wide variety of products, but we are all united in our support for the manufacturing industry that is so important to the Illinois economy. We are fearful that lowering the ozone standard to 65 ppb would jeopardize not only our ability to offer our customers high-quality, American-made goods, but also eliminate many of the family supporting jobs with employee medical and retirement benefits that our companies provide.

Chicago is the manufacturing hub of Illinois. Statewide, manufacturing output accounts for more than 13 percent of Illinois GSP, worth well over \$90 billion a year. In 2011, manufacturing supported jobs for almost 600,000 Illinois workers, paying an average salary of \$20,000 a year more than the overall average state payroll wage.

Lowering the ozone standard to 65 ppb would decimate Illinois manufacturing. Just seven of the 102 counties in Illinois would presently be able to comply with the 65 ppb ozone standard. According to data compiled by the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), Illinois would annually lose almost 35,000 jobs and suffer a \$51 billion reduction in GSP under the 65 ppb rule; total compliance costs would come to \$9 billion.

The current, very ambitious 75 ppb ozone standard establishes a goal that has been improving air quality, even as many areas around the nation, including the metro Chicagoland area, still work to achieve it. Lowering the standard to the 65 ppb level would virtually guarantee that Chicago would never be able to meet NAAQS standards and would suffer very serious economic and employment consequences.

The TMA urges the EPA to give us a chance to lessen our ozone emissions – as we are striving to do – without costing people their jobs, or inhibiting economic growth in our city and state. We encourage the EPA to hold the ozone standard at 75 ppb.

Sincerely,



Zach Mottl
Chief Alignment Officer
Atlas Tool Works, Inc.



Steve Rauschenberger
President
Technology & Manufacturing Association

CC. U.S. Senator Dick Durbin
U.S. Senator Mark Kirk
U.S. Representative Tammy Duckworth
Gina McCarthy, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
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May 5, 2015

Brian Deese
Senior Advisor to the President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Deese,

Like so many American cities, Chicago faces serious financial challenges. Tightening the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone would make our problems worse, by subjecting Chicago and other major U.S. urban areas to high compliance costs, job and business losses, and diminished municipal revenues. Please reconsider your recent actions to further reduce the ozone standard from its present level.

All of the counties in the Chicago metropolitan area – Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, and Will – currently register ozone levels of 82 ppb. The existing 75 ppb ozone standard gives us ample incentive to lower our ozone emissions, which we are diligently working to do. But reducing the standard to as low as 65 ppb would essentially doom us to nonattainment, creating tremendous economic hardships for the city, our employers, and our residents.

According to a study from the National Association of Manufacturers, implementing proposed changes in the ozone standard could reduce Illinois GSP by \$51 billion from 2017 to 2040. It would eliminate 34,873 jobs and job equivalents, and cut the spending power of the average Illinois household by \$640. Total compliance costs for the state would reach an estimated \$9 billion.

As the industrial and commercial center of the state, Chicago would bear a large share of these severe negative impacts. It would not only hurt our employers, workers, public institutions, and families, but also our city government, as we struggle to fund the basic services our citizens need and deserve.

I have the privilege of serving as a member of the Chicago City Council, representing the 38th Ward on the city's Northwest Side. But I am also a former electrician and member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. I know first and hand government regulations can hamper the business community and employers, thereby affecting the people who work for them. Lowering the

ozone standard now, with Chicago and much of the rest of the nation just beginning to show true economic progress after the recession, would create extensive hardships for millions of Americans.

The present ozone limit of 75 ppb has been in place for only seven years. It is an ambitious standard, as evidenced by the fact that many areas of the nation – like Chicago – are still working to achieve compliance. Please leave the 75 ppb standard in effect, and give us a chance to continue improving our air quality without harming our economy, our citizens, and our city.

Sincerely,

Tim Cullerton
Alderman of the 38th Ward
Chicago, IL

CC Gina McCarthy
Mr. Valerie Jarrett
The Honorable Richard Durbin
// Honorable Mark Kirk



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June 3, 2015

The White House
Mr. Brian Deese
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Dear Mr. Deese,

I am writing on behalf of members of the Sangamon County Board in Springfield, Illinois to express our opposition to stringent new ozone rules proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

This board is responsible for the financial management of county funds and is vitally concerned with the interests of local businesses that would be adversely impacted by these regulations. For this growing county, which has a strong local economy and the lowest unemployment rate in this state of Illinois, the proposed aggressive ozone standards would simply be a case of too much regulation, too soon.

We understand these new rules are not merely minor adjustments to earlier regulations with which many of cities and towns across the country have not yet complied. These are virtually unattainable standards that could slow growth, stall expansion and cost jobs just when manufacturers, businesses and families are gaining traction in a recovering economy.

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) projects these regulations could cost each American up to \$2,000 per year in higher prices for manufactured goods and energy prices. That means less money in the pockets of consumers, less money in the tills of businesses, and less money for local governments to provide the programs and services upon which residents want and depend.

This is not the time to take our improving economy for granted. We urge you to reconsider implementation of new EPA ozone standards at this time.

Sincerely,

Andy Van Meter, Chairman
Sangamon County Board

cc. U.S. Senator Dick Durbin
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