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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
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The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable John Boehner
Minority Leader
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
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Dear Madam Speaker and Leaders Reid, McConnell and Boehner:

Last month, the State of Texas filed a Petition for Review with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, as well as a Petition for Reconsideration with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator challenging EPA's attempt to regulate the emissions of carbon dioxide and other gases under the Clean Air Act. Texas is aggressively seeking its future in alternative energy through incentives and innovation, not mandates and overreaching regulations, and these regulations ignore Texas' gains in air quality and renewable energy. EPA's misguided plan paints a big target on the backs of Texas agriculture and energy producers and the hundreds of thousands of Texans they employ. This legal action is being taken to protect the Texas economy and the jobs that go with it, as well as defend Texas' freedom to continue our successful environmental strategies from federal overreach.

Texas will aggressively pursue these legal actions, and we believe that we will ultimately prevail. However, it is increasingly clear that EPA intends to continue to move forward and ignore the concerns that have been overwhelmingly voiced by the American people. The uncertainty being created by EPA's actions will impede economic recovery, job creation and investment, particularly in our energy and manufacturing sectors.

Since 2008, I have repeatedly called on EPA to turn from this path of imposing job-killing regulations that will eventually affect every small business, farm, rancher and family in our

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nation. These regulations would devastate our economy, and our citizens will be deeply impacted by the resulting increases in energy costs and the thousands of jobs that will be placed at risk.

I support congressional efforts to disapprove EPA's endangerment finding and prevent this unprecedented federal intrusion into the economic activities of Texas businesses and citizens. Texas has already created our own blueprint for incentivizing renewable energy without killing jobs in other industries or hiking up energy costs, and mandates from Washington will only hinder our progress. Congress has a unique opportunity to prevent one-size-fits-all mandates from being imposed by unelected federal bureaucrats and instead recognize the rights of states to tailor economic and environmental policies in the manner that is in the best interest of their citizens.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Perry". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Rick Perry
Governor

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cc: Texas Congressional Delegation