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The Honorable James M. Inhofe
205 Russell Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Inhofe:

I am writing to express Caterpillar's support for your leadership and efforts to introduce a joint resolution of disapproval under the Congressional Review Act (CRA) regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Utility MACT rule.

Caterpillar serves the worldwide mining industry through the Caterpillar Global Mining organization, headquartered in Milwaukee, WI with regional offices around the world. We have a long history of serving the coal mining industry. As one of our most important natural resources, coal is a critical part of our nation's energy mix. Coal is abundant within the U.S., has a high-energy intensity, and is cost effective. With roughly half of our electricity currently generated by coal, coal-fired power has and will continue to have a major role in U.S. power generation. Caterpillar strongly supports the continued use of this important resource.

As a leading supplier to the coal mining industry, and as a major consumer of electricity, Caterpillar is concerned with both the negative economic impacts of EPA's Utility MACT rule, as well as its impact on coal-fueled electricity generation's reliability and cost. According to EPA's own analysis, the rule will cost billions of dollars annually, threatening thousands of jobs in the utility and mining sectors, while putting at risk essential availability of electricity.

Caterpillar is committed to sustainable development, and is partnering with our mining customers around the world on environmentally responsible extraction and use of natural resources. Providing reliable and efficient energy solutions, promoting responsible use of materials, enabling the mobility of people and goods, and developing quality infrastructure are key societal challenges. They are also the major areas where Caterpillar, our dealers and our customers have been providing solutions for decades.

Again, thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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