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The Honorable Tim Murphy  
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Murphy:

The National Mining Association (NMA) urges you to vote for Representative Tim Murphy's amendment to The Energy Consumers Relief Act of 2013 (H.R. 1582) prohibiting the use of the subjective and unreliable valuation of the social cost of carbon in rulemakings by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Congress has not authorized the use of the social cost of carbon as a means for justifying the imposition of more expensive regulatory burdens. And, the failure of Congress to act now is an invitation to federal agencies to deploy subjective and speculative assumptions to add to the staggering regulatory costs already paid by businesses and consumers.

The effort to quantify the incremental economic impact of carbon dioxide emissions runs headlong into the problem referred to in the literature as "a cascade of uncertainty" or "uncertainty explosion." The National Research Council has pointed out that any assessment will suffer from uncertainty, speculation and lack of information.

Even the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) noted in its Second Assessment Report that uncertainty in this process grows with each step; and, "when the projected ranges of uncertainty are applied to impact models, the range of possible impacts commonly becomes too large for practical application." Clearly, the SCC is neither a sound nor practical tool to apply in a cost-benefit analysis for agency rulemakings or other actions.

NMA urges you to support Representative Murphy's amendment. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Hal Quinn