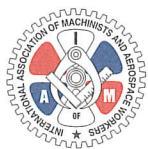




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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Transportation Communications Union/IAM, I am writing you after our Union's analysis of the proposed rule issued on June 2, 2014, by the Environmental Protection Agency which could have a profound affect for U.S. Workers who rely on coal for their livelihoods. That is why we support H.R. 4813, the Protection and Accountability Regulatory Act of 2014, that was introduced by Representatives Nick J. Rahall (D-WV) and David McKinley (R-WV) and now has 73 co-sponsors.

Our Union supports a balanced approach to national climate change that also protects American jobs and the railroads. We share a deep concern that EPA's regulation of greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act will have a very negative effect on our jobs and the economy. In our view, the Clean Air Act was not designed for—and is ill-suited—to address the complexities of reducing greenhouse gas emissions while at the same time protecting workers. Hundreds of thousands of jobs are potentially at stake.

One in five railroad jobs rely on the transportation of coal. Coal remains the single largest commodity for the railroads as well as a large export commodity. Coal makes up more than 20 percent of the freight loads of major U.S. railroads.

We believe Congress is better suited to strike the right balance between our country's environmental goals while at the same time avoiding the economic impact that undermines the American worker. That's why we request your support for H.R. 4813, to stop the EPA and allow Congress the necessary time needed to work out a long-term solution.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robert A. Scardelletti'.

Robert A. Scardelletti
National President