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Dear Representative,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations representing the interests of millions of Latinos nationwide, we urge you to oppose Senators McConnell and Capito's Congressional Review Act resolutions of disapproval (S.J. Res. 23 and 24) that would permanently block the EPA's Clean Power Plan.

Poll after poll reiterates the fact that the Latino community strongly supports action on climate change. Latinos have expressed support for the Clean Power Plan's commonsense limits on power plant carbon pollution and have vowed to support states adopting and strengthening the plan. Blocking these commonsense safeguards puts polluter profits before the health of our children.

Power plants are the country's single largest source of the pollution fueling climate change and the Clean Power Plan is the single biggest step we have ever taken to tackle climate change. This plan is expected to deliver billions of dollars in benefits and will prevent nearly 3,000 premature deaths and more than a hundred thousand asthma attacks per year by 2030. For our community and the millions who are exposed to extreme heat, extreme weather, and the pollution that causes climate change and exacerbates these health impacts, action is critical.

Not only would these harmful resolutions undo all of the health and economic benefits of the Clean Power Plan, they would also bar EPA from issuing any standards in the future that are substantially similar leaving climate change unchecked and our community exposed indefinitely to carbon pollution and the impacts of climate change, worsening extreme weather events, threatening food supplies and increasing public health risks.

We strongly urge you to oppose these resolutions that put the health of our children and families at risk, threaten the quality of our air, and strip the EPA of the tools to address dangerous carbon pollution.

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