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The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

RE: EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0183

Dear Administrator Regan,

I am concerned with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) changes to the Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) standards in the proposed rule entitled *Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources and Emission Guidelines for Existing Sources: Large Municipal Waste Combustors Voluntary Remand Response and 5-Year Review*.

I believe the EPA's proposed changes are overly burdensome and will negatively impact waste-to-energy (WTE) facilities without significant environmental benefit. The EPA's drastic changes could cause the WTE facility operated by the Kent County Department of Public Works to need a complete overhaul of its existing systems with an estimated cost of \$30 million. Kent County residents would potentially face a massive fee increase in their garbage bills because of the EPA's proposal.

Unfortunately, burdensome overregulation that raises the cost of living on Michigan residents has been the cornerstone of this administration's policies. Michigan families have been struggling with the record inflation that occurred during the Biden administration, and this action by the EPA will only add to those costs. The EPA has shown little regard for the costs of its regulations on everyday Michigan families. I implore the EPA to reconsider its proposal before it purposefully increases Michiganders' bills.

This proposed rule would have a significant effect on families in my district, so I would like answers to the following questions:

1. Given the lack of a residual risk analysis, what assessments does the EPA have to justify the lower MACT limits for Kent County?
2. If this proposal is finalized, how does the EPA expect small municipalities to afford the necessary technological updates?

3. Were local governments and operating WTE facilities included in the rulemaking process? If yes, how so? If not, why?
4. Did the agency conduct an economic impact study that considered the proposal's costs on local governments and their residents? If so, what are the economic impacts of the proposal to local governments. If not, why?

I appreciate your attention to this matter, and I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



JOHN MOOLENAAR
Member of Congress