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Senator John Barasso
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

Senator Thomas R. Carper
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and Public Works
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Barasso and Senator Carper:

I am writing to express support for S. 2662, the “Growing American Innovation Now Act” (GAIN Act) and to commend the sponsors of the bill. By way of background, America’s Power advocates on behalf of the nation’s fleet of coal-fueled power plants.

The GAIN Act would provide much needed clarity and certainty to EPA’s New Source Review (NSR) program. Unfortunately, the NSR program has caused three decades of regulatory uncertainty and litigation, wasted resources, and impeded projects to improve power plant efficiency, reliability and safety. At the same time, the NSR program has yielded little in the way of benefits. We are hopeful that EPA will reform the NSR program over the coming months, but the most effective way to remedy the problems with NSR is to enact the GAIN Act.

The nation’s coal fleet helps maintain the reliability and resilience of the electricity grid, produces affordable electricity, contributes to fuel diversity, and provides fuel security. By enabling more efficient, reliable and safe operation of the fleet, the GAIN Act will allow the coal fleet to continue to provide these benefits.

Sincerely,



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