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Chairman Alvin Bush
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
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Dear Chairman Bush:

Our legislature is very concerned about a proposed state specific mercury rule #7-405 that goes beyond the federal requirement. We believe this is a policy decision that should be made by the legislature. At issue is whether the mercury regulation before you is the best way to regulate mercury emission reductions for Pennsylvania. We believe that there is a better approach to regulating mercury emissions that protects public health and the environment without jeopardizing Pennsylvania's coal-fired power plants. Therefore, we ask you to disapprove regulation #7-405 as not being in the interest of all Pennsylvanians. There is a strong opposition to the rule from business and industry as well as labor. State rule will endanger jobs in the mining, power generation, and manufacturing industries, raise prices to all consumers and threaten the reliability of Pennsylvania's electric grid all at no perceived benefit to human health and the environment. We ask that IRRC reject the rule and allow a compromise to be worked out that protects both human health and Pennsylvania's economy

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Turzai".

Mike Turzai
Incoming House Republican Policy Chairman
Legislator of 28th Legislative District

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