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We submit these comments in response to EPA's advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) on the issuance of new emission guidelines to limit greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from existing electric utility generating units (EGUs). We encourage EPA to stand by the current Clean Power Plan to reduce carbon emissions from existing power plants under the Clean Air Act. Clean energy is one of the fastest growing segments of our economy. The power sector is already investing in cleaner energy as a result of this rule, and starting over with a new rule will hinder our country's transition to a clean energy economy. Clean energy policies are good for the environment and the economy, as they drive innovation and economic growth and help improve our resiliency over the long term.

It is crucial that we take action now as a nation to target carbon emissions and address climate change. Broad-scale action is needed to reverse the trends we are seeing now with respect to carbon dioxide levels. The United States should be taking a leadership position on solutions to climate change.

The snow sports industry has made great strides in reducing our own carbon emissions through investments in energy efficiency, green building, renewable energy, alternative fuels, mass transit and other initiatives. These initiatives reduce our carbon footprint and also help us improve our corporate performance and cut operating costs. We welcome regulatory and legislative policies that will continue to incentivize such investment. The snow sports industry represents a relatively small source of greenhouse gas emissions, however, we are doing our part to set the example and unify all businesses behind the common goal of addressing the critical issue of climate change.

Sincerely,

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