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H. R. 2637

To amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit the regulation of emissions of carbon dioxide from new or existing power plants under certain circumstances.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. LATTA, and Mr. GUTHRIE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Coal Country Protec-
5 tion Act” or the “Protecting Jobs, Families, and the
6 Economy From EPA Overreach Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REGULATION OF EMISSIONS OF CARBON DIOXIDE**
2 **FROM NEW OR EXISTING POWER PLANTS.**

3 (a) **LIMITATION ON REGULATION.**—The Clean Air
4 Act is amended by inserting after section 312 (42 U.S.C.
5 7612) the following:

6 **“SEC. 313. LIMITATION ON REGULATION OF EMISSIONS OF**
7 **CARBON DIOXIDE FROM NEW OR EXISTING**
8 **POWER PLANTS.**

9 “(a) **DEFINITION OF NEW OR EXISTING POWER**
10 **PLANT.**—In this section, the term ‘new or existing power
11 plant’ means a fossil fuel-fired power plant that com-
12 mences operation at any time.

13 “(b) **LIMITATION.**—Notwithstanding any other provi-
14 sion of law (including regulations), the Administrator may
15 not promulgate any regulation or guidance that limits or
16 prohibits any new carbon dioxide emissions from a new
17 or existing power plant, and no such regulation or guid-
18 ance shall have any force or effect, until the date on
19 which—

20 “(1) the Secretary of Labor certifies to the Ad-
21 ministrator that the regulation or guidance will not
22 generate any loss of employment;

23 “(2) the Director of the Congressional Budget
24 Office certifies to the Administrator that the regula-
25 tion or guidance will not result in any loss in the
26 gross domestic product of the United States;

1 “(3) the Administrator of the Energy Informa-
2 tion Administration certifies to the Administrator
3 that the regulation or guidance will not generate any
4 increase in electricity rates in the United States; and

5 “(4) the Chairperson of the Federal Energy
6 Regulatory Commission and the President of the
7 North American Electric Reliability Corporation cer-
8 tify to the Administrator the reliability of electricity
9 delivery under the regulation or guidance.”.

10 (b) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—The Clean Air Act is
11 amended by redesignating the second section 317 (42
12 U.S.C. 7617) (relating to economic impact assessment) as
13 section 318.

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