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Good Afternoon,

The EPA's Clean Power Plan Rule is important because

1. It will limit CO2 from dirty, elderly, coal fired plants, which are the source of 40% of our country's carbon pollution.

2. Fossil fuel companies that have become rich beyond their wildest imaginings have continued to keep the energy profits private and the pollution public. We get the mess. They get the money. The Rule starts the important process of turning around the practice of fossil fuel companies polluting our water and air with impunity.

The Earth is our spaceship; we sail with its protection through a cold deadly cosmos. There is no planet B.

Our government has allowed fossil fuel companies to use our spaceship earth as an ATM, reaping quick buck profits while leaving us the mess. We get the mess. They get the money. It's always been that way, but now the fossil fuel plant owners are on target to make a mess we can't clean up.

We've known the dangers of earth's warming since 1988 when James Hansen of NASA made it official: fossil fuels are warning the earth.

What did we do? We continued to mollycoddle the fossil fuel industry with tax incentives and relaxed regulation added to lukewarm at best support for the one thing that could help save us—alternative energy sources of wind and solar.

We have enough solar power in Arizona to power the world. Why did we not scramble to develop that source? It makes job sense and environmental sense. Why would we continue to protect the profits of already rich owners of fossil fuel plants, a technology over 200 years old?

I add my voice to those supporting a National Target of 30% reduction from our 2005 emissions from fossil fuels. It is your duty to support this effort.

We need you to understand and stand by the science behind the assertions you've heard this afternoon.

We need you to support and to accelerate in any way you can the transition from dirty fossil fuels to clean renewables.

You are PA's first line of defense and we need you to stand strong and to protect us.

Thank you