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President Donald J. Trump
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Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to request the removal of the EPA's restrictive ozone standards for southeastern Wisconsin. In 2015, the EPA lowered the federal ozone standard, and as a result, Milwaukee County, Ozaukee County, and parts of surrounding counties were first classified as "marginal" nonattainment and later re-designated as "moderate" in 2021. These areas have now been reclassified to "serious" nonattainment, triggering stricter development limitations which began on January 16, 2025. Meeting this new standard through state-level emission reductions alone is not feasible. Southeastern Wisconsin's ozone pollution is primarily due to emissions from Illinois, Indiana, and vehicle traffic.

The "serious" nonattainment classification will impact both the construction of new facilities and the expansion of existing facilities. Furthermore, the new regulations lower the major source threshold from 100 tons per year of VOCs or NO_x to 50 tons per year. This means more businesses will be required to apply for Title V permits, which require additional reporting, record-keeping, and regulatory oversight.

Wisconsin exports of manufactured goods support thousands of jobs and contribute billions to the economy, and these restrictions will hinder business growth and jobs in the state. A coalition has been established in support of removing these restricts, and includes the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce, Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce, The New North, Waukesha County Business Alliance, Kenosha Area Business Alliance, Racine County Economic Development Corp., Sheboygan County Economic Development Corp., Sheboygan Chamber of Commerce, National Association for Industrial and Office Parks, and the Commercial Association of REALTORS Wisconsin.

For these reasons, we urge you to consider removing these restrictive standards, as they unfairly penalize Wisconsin businesses and do not address the root cause of the ozone issue.



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