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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Blanche Lincoln  
United States Senate  
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Dear Senators:

On behalf of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® (NAR) and the affiliated Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM) and CCIM Institute, thank you for introducing legislation forestalling the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from regulating CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from commercial and residential buildings under the Clean Air Act.

While the EPA is proposing a phased approach to CO<sub>2</sub> regulations, under this plan, smaller emitters, including existing office and apartment buildings, could still be regulated in five years and building owners would be required to obtain pre-construction and operating permits prior to selling property. These permits would require burdensome paperwork and expensive improvements for a *de minimis* contribution to global CO<sub>2</sub> atmospheric concentrations at a time when commercial property owners are facing extreme challenges with simply staying current on their mortgage obligations and have little or no access to additional capital.

For these reasons, NAR, IREM and CCIM Institute support your efforts and urges Congress to act to prevent the EPA from moving forward with CO<sub>2</sub> building regulations under the Clean Air Act.

Sincerely,

Vicki Cox Golder, CRB  
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