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**Like General Public, Small Businesses Support Carbon Emissions Standard**

*Statement by John Arensmeyer, founder and CEO of Small Business Majority, regarding small business support for the carbon emissions standard established under the Clean Air Act*

Scientific polling shows small business owners support national standards to oversee unlimited emissions of greenhouse gases, and today it was announced that more than 3 million comments were collected in support of the Carbon Pollution Standard during the public comment period.

According to Small Business Majority's recent [opinion polling](#), a solid majority of small businesses—76 percent—favor the EPA's rule for new power plants to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. What's more, 56 percent would still support this standard even if it means an increase in utility rates.

Small business owners understand the clean energy economy is rife with business opportunities. In fact, the vast majority of them believe investing in clean energy can stimulate the economy and create jobs now. Despite strong small business support, efforts to set standards reducing carbon emissions continue to be blocked. And that comes at the expense of our economic future.

The overwhelming small business support for the Carbon Pollution Standard, coupled with today's announcement of more than 3 million comments in support of it, should encourage policymakers to ensure this important standard is safe from attacks to erode it for years to come.

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**Who is the Small Business Majority?**

We are a national nonpartisan small business advocacy organization founded and run by small business owners and focused on solving the biggest problems facing America's 28 million small businesses. We conduct extensive opinion and economic research and work with small business owners, policy experts and elected officials nationwide to bring small business voices to the public policy table. Learn more about us on [Wikipedia](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).