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To: Jack Whitver, Chair, Legislative Council
Patrick Grassley, Vice-chair, Legislative Council
Members of the Legislative Council
From: State Rep. Chuck Isenhart
About: Carbon emissions and climate impacts

Dear Majority Leader Whitver, Speaker Grassley and members of the Legislative Council:

In light of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision and opinion in *West Virginia v. EPA*, I urge the Legislative Council to act expeditiously to initiate a process to address the climate impacts and other environmental consequences of carbon emissions in the State of Iowa.

Anticipating that the United States Congress may not act to restore federal authority according to its power under the United States Constitution to regulate interstate commerce, I believe it is imperative for the State of Iowa to act, perhaps in concert with other states that are part of the midcontinent independent operating system (MISO). Such a process should include consultation with the Iowa Utilities Board, Department of Natural Resources, Economic Development Authority, Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Department of Health and Human Resources, and Department of Human Rights.

I believe that private sector partners are also willing to come back to the table to assist in this endeavor, as demonstrated by their participation in developing the state's response to 111(d) plan requirements before that process was short-circuited by previous uncertainty at the federal level. An interim committee should also consider state actions to address carbon emissions in the transportation, agricultural and other sectors.

If Congress does act, interim committee consideration of these issues will allow the State of Iowa to be ready and able partners with the federal government. With or without such a partnership, we must determine the policies and appropriate the funding to do Iowa's part to stem and reverse the flood of air emissions that are leading to the catastrophic weather events and other impacts Iowa and the world are facing, along with the increasingly destructive fallout affecting people, human infrastructure and the world's natural wealth.

I thank you for your urgent consideration of and timely response to this petition.