

# TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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### **Rep. Landtroop Declares Clear Victory for States' Rights**

**(Austin, TX)** On December 30th, 2011 the U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit issued a stay on the implementation of the United States EPA's (Environmental Protection Agency) rule called CSAPR (Cross-State Air Pollution Rule). This rule, which was created without public input from Texas, gave power generators in Texas just five months to dramatically lower the emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide. To comply with CSAPR Texas would have to reduce operation of its coal-fired power plants and rely on natural gas plants - **exposing Texas to brownouts, and significantly raising electricity costs.**

"The Courts decision to grant a stay on the rule is a clear victory for state's rights and the free market. For too long the Environmental Protection Agency has issued regulations which stifle Americans' abilities to gain access to affordable energy. Ultimately, CSAPR threatens Texas jobs by raising the cost of electricity, and I am doing everything in my power to stop it," stated Representative Jim Landtroop.

In September of 2011 Representative Landtroop, who sits on the coveted Energy Council, submitted a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency requesting a stay on CSAPR. In October the state of Texas, along with the support of legislators like Landtroop, filed suit against the EPA's implementation of this toxic rule.

President and CEO of Southwestern Public Service Company/Xcel Energy Riley Hill spearheaded our regions fight to stay the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule. "Our request for a stay of this rule received crucial support from Rep. Landtroop and other key stakeholders. Their efforts will help us take a more reasonable approach to emission controls while easing the financial impact on our customers and maintaining the reliability of our generating system."

"The Obama administration has once again decided to mess with Texas. Without the stay we would be increasing the cost of electricity to our communities during the winter - when Americans consume additional electricity to keep their families warm. After a difficult summer for Texans, I can think of nothing more damaging to businesses and individuals, than an increase in electricity bills due to ill conceived federal regulations," continued Rep. Landtroop.

Representative Landtroop will continue to champion states' rights, lower taxes, and advocate for our West Texas values.

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