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Yet if lawmakers wanted to take the unprecedented step of dictating what kind of cars Americans drive, they would've spoken up clearly. Actually, in effect, they did — by remaining silent.

The power plant rule, also known as the Clean Power Plan 2.0.

Its predecessor, the Obama administration's Clean Power Plan, was shot down by the Supreme Court in the 2021 case West Virginia v. EPA. Like with the Clean Power Plan, the EPA once again tried to play the role of national electric-grid manager, trying to shift electric

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when it finalized new stringent standards for fine particulate matter. Every five years, the EPA is required to review and, if appropriate, revise the standards for six major pollutants, including fine particulate matter.

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What happened next is shocking.

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Advisory Board.

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Then, in June of that year, the EPA reconsidered Team Trump's decision to retain the standards. And just this past February, it finalized stricter standards.

That is, instead of following the usual five-year process and respecting the agency's 2020 analysis, the Biden folks prematurely set new, tougher standards.

Zeldin should make it a priority to get rid of these three rules, as well as other harmful ones.

He must also ensure the agency has a strong legal foundation for its actions, unlike Team Biden.

Zeldin needs to advance an agenda to protect the environment while respecting the rule of law, appreciating the costs and trade-offs of regulations and valuing scientific integrity.

It would be a welcome change.

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ENCLOSED IS A COPY SENT TO TECO AND STATE REPS. AS STATED I EXPECT ELECTRIC RATES TO GO DOWN IN COMING YEARS YOU SHOULD HAVE NEVER APPROVED THE SALE TO THIS COMPANY. YOU ARE PRICING NORMAL PEOPLE OUT OF FLORIDA BY LETTING THESE COMPANIES TO RAISE RATES @ WILL.

ALSO YOU ARE LETTING THE WATER & SEWER RATES TO GO UNCHECKED ALSO. THEY NEED TO PUT MONEY IN THERE POWER PLANTS AND BURN GAS & CLEAN COAL MAYBE A LITTLE OIL IN FUTURE. STOP THIS CHINA SOLAR PANEL RIDER, IF THEY WANT TO GAMBLE ON SOLAR & WIND MILLS (LIES) LET THE STOCK HOLDERS PAY. HOPE SOONLY THIS WILL BE BANNED IN FUTURE. I HOPE ZELDIN CLEANS HOUSE.

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P.S. I AM A RETIRED LICENSED STATIONARY STEAM ENGINEER, I KNOW HOW THE GAME IS PLAYED TO A DEGREE.

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generation from reliable sources like coal and natural gas to unreliable ones like wind and solar.

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PJM Interconnection, which manages the grid for over 65 million people, warned, "The future demand for electricity cannot be met simply through renewables given their intermittent nature."

"Yet in the very years when we are projecting significant increases in the demand for electricity, the [EPA's rule] may work to drive premature retirement of coal units that provide essential reliability services and dissuade new gas resources from coming online."

Americans have rightfully come to expect that when they flick on the switch, the light will come on. That expectation may be dashed if this rule survives. And that's wholly unacceptable in any developed nation, let alone one as prosperous as the United States.

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