

I voted Yes on H.R. 2250, the EPA Regulatory Relief Act. This bill would postpone four pending EPA rules relating to emissions from approximately 200,000 boilers and incinerators in the United States-many of which are found in our farms, universities, hospitals, and other industrial buildings. Estimates place the up-front capitol costs to upgrade these systems at a staggering \$5.8 billion, and would cost users \$2.2 billion annually to comply with the new regulations.

H.R. 2250 provides a legislative stay for these four rules and directs the EPA to promulgate new rules within 15-months for these systems. It also would extend compliance deadlines to allow these facilities to adequately prepare for such sweeping regulatory changes. This legislation will provide the EPA with the extra time they need to finalize regulations that are achievable for today's boilers and incinerators, and do not impose overly-burdensome compliance costs on our farms, hospitals, and other major employers in New York.

Importantly, this bill would directly benefit jobs Upstate, as one study found that implementing the current rules would place more than 20,000 jobs at risk in the forest industry alone due to the devastating impacts this would have on U.S. pulp and paper mills. At a time when industries Upstate are struggling to stay competitive and recover from the recent economic downturn, we need to implement policies that will keep these businesses and jobs right here.