

## **Additional Points on Paris**

**Justifications to stay in Paris are not about Climate Change:** All the arguments to stay in the Paris Climate Agreement have nothing to do with climate change.

- National Security should be discussed and negotiated through a national security agreement with national security experts.
- Trade objectives should be discussed and negotiated through a trade agreement with trade experts.
- This approach ensures the US will be well positioned, relying on the best available experts to get the most out of our deals.

**We can renegotiate a better deal:** Getting out of Paris does not limit future conversations with the same international parties about a better deal or approach to climate. We will still have a seat at the table.

**Threatens American Energy Independence Executive Order and regulatory roll-back:** Staying in Paris leaves in place a mechanism by which environmentalists and Obama's activist judges could compel the EPA to put in place a future Clean Power Plan or worse.

- Even though we are getting rid of CPP and other economically damaging regulations, there is a provision in the Clean Air Act (Section 115) that the Paris Agreement could be used to put in place a rule similar to the Clean Power Plan.
- Under the expectation that Hilary Clinton would win the election, environmental groups started laying the groundwork for using Section 115 under the Paris Agreement last year.
- Environmentalists and democrats are attempting to downplay this threat in hopes of keeping the Paris Agreement mechanism in place.

**If Peabody Coal is mentioned:** Peabody's much reported support is misleading.

- In a private meeting the company was proposed with a leading hypothetical premised on reducing the domestic commitments under the Paris Agreement.
- Such actions would be prevented by the "ratcheting up" provision in the Paris Agreement, which requires emissions commitments be "more ambitious" than the previous submission.
- Peabody's response to the hypothetical was that they would not actively work against the administration under such circumstances. This was leaked to the press characterizing it as "support."