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### **Miami Beach Signs Amicus Brief Backing Clean Power Plan** *– In Support of Federal Efforts to Curb Pollution –*

**Miami Beach, FL:** The City of Miami Beach has announced their support of the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Clean Power Plan, a critical measure that will protect the safety and economic security of local communities across the United States facing the rising impacts of climate change. The city joined the amicus curiae ("friend of the court") brief drafted and filed in federal court by Columbia Law School's Sabin Center of Climate Change Law on behalf of local governments across the country in support of this EPA plan.

“In Miami Beach, we are on the front lines of climate change and taking aggressive action with the raising of roads, installation of storm water pumps and elevation of seawalls,” said Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine. “Part of our commitment to building a sustainable future is supporting the Clean Power Plan, which is a key element to reducing greenhouse emissions, driving innovation and advancing new energy solutions.”

The Clean Power Rule will impose — for the first time — reductions in greenhouse gas emissions by existing power plants. Signing the amicus brief reinforces Miami Beach’s belief that the Clean Power Plan is a necessary legal step towards addressing the extraordinary threat posed by climate change.

Without the Clean Power Plan, cities across the United States will be left without a path forward towards real carbon reductions and will face missed opportunities for local economic growth.

“Under this framework, a growing green sector will mean more jobs for Miami Beach constituents and more affordable energy for local businesses and homes,” said Miami Beach Environment & Sustainability Director Elizabeth Wheaton. “As we continue to better our city by accelerating cleaner solutions, we hope the federal government will be able to do the same for our generation and those to come.”

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