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Senator Pat Toomey
248 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Toomey:

I am writing to you today to respectfully request your consideration for legislation which would establish a federal tax credit program that would provide financial relief to the coal refuse reclamation to energy industry.

Specifically, the 10-year tax credit program would provide a \$12-per-ton credit for each ton of coal refuse removed by an eligible coal refuse reclamation to energy facility. Such legislation is vital to the continued operation of the remaining plants in the United States and provides for the continued environmental reclamation and remediation of coal refuse piles in Pennsylvania.

While the coal mining industry has played an important role in Pennsylvania's industrial heritage, coal refuse from legacy mining activity still impacts the lands, air and streams in communities throughout the state. The removal and consumption of coal refuse by these facilities results in cleaner land, cleaner air and cleaner waterways, while also providing a beneficial source of alternative electricity and thousands of family sustaining jobs.

Over the past 30 years, the coal refuse reclamation to energy industry in Pennsylvania alone has removed and consumed more than 225 million tons of coal refuse, reclaimed at least 7,200 acres of previously scarred land and eliminated a major source of acid mine drainage polluting over 1,200 miles of waterways, but there is still more work to be done. It is estimated that it will cost the Commonwealth over \$5 billion to address the remaining acid mine land problems. Importantly, if this industry falters and ceases to exist, the responsibility for this cleanup effort will fall solely upon taxpayers.

The proposed federal tax credit program will support coal refuse reclamation to energy facilities' efforts to provide the valuable multi-media environmental, health and safety benefits that are a direct result of the coal refuse to energy process. A federal credit of \$12-per-ton would reduce the "breakeven price" to a point where plants could operate continuously and maximize the environmental benefits that the industry delivers at far less cost than the monetized benefits provided.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Senator Bob Casey
393 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Casey:

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Congressman Glenn 'GT' Thompson
400 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Thompson:

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Congressman John Joyce
1337 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Joyce:

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