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July 17, 2019

The Honorable Conor Lamb
United States Congressman
3468 Brodhead Road
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Dear Congressman Lamb:

I am writing to request your consideration and support of a federal coal refuse reclamation tax credit program.

As you know, Pennsylvania's coal mining legacy has left the Commonwealth with significant environmental liabilities, including more than 770 coal refuse piles.

The removal of coal refuse piles and the reclamation of mining-affected lands has demonstrated environmental and public benefits, including water quality, public health and safety, and land value.

We in state government have recognized the importance of this by implementing a state level tax credit program that is allocated at \$20 million. But this is, at best, a short-term bridge to a federal tax credit – the true long-term solution.

A federal coal refuse reclamation tax credit of \$12 per ton would allow our plants to maximize the environmental benefits that the industry delivers at far less cost than the monetized benefits provided.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robt F. Matzie".

ROBERT F. MATZIE
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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