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December 5, 2019

The Honorable John Joyce M.D.
1337 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Joyce:

I respectfully call your attention to House Resolution 4735 and ask that you consider supporting it. If enacted, this legislation would create a new tax credit for the production of electricity from a coal refuse facility.

As you are aware, the extraction of coal for the purpose of creating energy and manufacturing metal products has a strong history in Pennsylvania. Part of that history has left coal refuse piles in many areas of the Commonwealth, creating pollution issues. Fortunately, a small segment of private industry has found a method to repurpose that coal refuse as an alternative energy source. In doing so, they have created family-sustaining jobs while helping the environment.

HR 4735 would be particularly helpful to power plants in my immediate area where refuse coal is being processed and reused. This legislation could nearly double the amount of waste coal being removed from abandoned sites and reused.

With a constant eye on legislation that strengthens our business climate as well as improves our communities and environment, I believe HR 4735 is a win for Pennsylvania. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 724-423-6503 to discuss this or any other topic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Reese".

Mike Reese
State Representative
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