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United States Senator Robert Casey 393 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Casey:

As a follow up to my conversation with your staff, I am writing this letter to continue to voice my support of a federal tax credit for coal reuse reclamation-to-energy facilities.

The PA General Assembly adopted a transferable state tax credit designed to incentivize the removal of each ton of refuse in 2016, which was expanded in 2019, however it was not enough to make a huge difference, financially. As you are aware, Congressmen Dan Meuser and Matt Cartwright introduced HR 4735, a refundable federal tax credit in 2019 designed to stabilize the economics of the industry by sharing in a portion of the remediation costs. This bill will replace the legislation that was adopted by the PA General Assembly and share the cost with the entire nation.

Coal refuse reclamation-to-energy facilities were already struggling due to low energy market prices from a warm winter, and now the decline in electricity demand due to the coronavirus pandemic has made it even more difficult for the 10 plants in Pennsylvania to continue their environmental mission of remediating legacy coal refuse piles. Two of these plants are located in my legislative district. This industry generates millions of dollars in annual environmental and public use and provides countless jobs throughout the Commonwealth.

I am respectfully requesting your support for HR 4735 and please do not hesitate to contact me, should you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

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