

July 8, 2025

The Honorable Howard Lutnick
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20230

RE: Section 232 Tariff Support for Pennsylvania Anthracite Coal

Dear Mr. Lutnick,

The Appalachian Region Independent Power Producers Association (ARIPPA) is writing to you to express our support for immediate action under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act to impose a 100% tariff on imported anthracite coal.

As you are aware, the U.S. Department of Energy recently designated coal used in steelmaking, including anthracite, as a critical material. Despite this designation, Pennsylvania's anthracite producers are facing serious challenges due to unfairly priced imports, particularly from Peru, which are undermining the viability of this strategic domestic resource.

ARIPPA is a non-profit trade association representing the coal refuse reclamation to energy industry in Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. These power plants help address the many issues associated with abandoned mine lands (AML) by combining the production of energy with the removal of coal refuse piles and reclamation of the land for productive purposes. Our membership base also includes companies that specialize in services to the coal refuse reclamation to energy industry, including but not limited to fuel suppliers and other vendors associated with the anthracite coal industry.

Coal mining also supports abandoned mine reclamation through a fee collected from operators for each ton of coal produced in the U.S., including those in the anthracite region. This funding is then distributed to states with the most AML problems. Many of the projects undertaken by ARIPPA members and our partners have been financed through such funding. The less anthracite coal mined, the less fees are collected and available for abandoned mine reclamation work performed by our members and partners.

In light of the aforementioned factors, we ask that you stand with Pennsylvania workers and industries by advocating for tariff protections that will preserve our nation's ability to supply high-grade metallurgical coal for steelmaking, abandoned mine reclamation, energy resilience and national security.

Thank you for your leadership and for standing up for American industry.

Regards,



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