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Bipartisan House Tells President Obama to Stop the War on Coal *House Acts to Protect Thousands of Coal Mining Jobs, Small Businesses and Low-Cost Energy for American Families*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, the House of Representatives, by a bipartisan vote of 233-175 approved H.R. 3409, the *Stop the War on Coal Act*, a package of five bills that will help end the Obama Administration’s war on coal that threatens thousands of American jobs and could increase the price of energy on millions of American families and small businesses. The legislation prevents the Obama Administration from shutting down coal-fired power plants and American coal mines with government red-tape, which will raise unemployment, slow economic growth and increase energy costs.

Yesterday, the House Natural Resources Committee released a [report](#), “President Obama’s Covert and Unorthodox Efforts to Impose New Regulation on Coal Mining and Destroy American Jobs,” detailing information uncovered in its more than 18-month ongoing [investigation](#) into the Obama Administration’s rewrite of a coal production regulation, the 2008 Stream Buffer Zone Rule. The Stop the War on Coal Act includes Rep. Bill Johnson’s (OH-06) bipartisan, *Coal Miner Employment and Domestic Energy Infrastructure Protection Act*, which prohibits the Secretary of the Interior from issuing new rules or regulations that will adversely impact mining jobs and our economy.

“President Obama has spent his entire term waging a regulatory war of red-tape and government mandates on coal miners, coal jobs and the millions of people who rely on low-cost coal-fired electricity. Just one of this Administration’s most egregious regulatory attacks on American coal production will destroy thousands of jobs and inflict economic harm on over twenty other states.” **said Natural Resources Committee Chairman Doc Hastings (WA-04).** *“Without the passage of the Stop the War on Coal Act, those job losses and thousands of others will become reality for hardworking coal miners and their families across the country as a record number of coal plants will be forced to close over the coming years.”*

“Today, with bipartisan support, the House of Representatives took an important step forward in stopping one of President Obama’s most economically destructive policies with the passage of the Stop the War on Coal Act. President Obama’s war on coal is real and it is already costing jobs. Just this week, Alpha Natural Resources announced that it is laying off 1,200 workers in three states. These layoffs come just weeks after Murray Energy announced that it would be closing its mine in Brilliant, Ohio putting more hardworking miners in the unemployment lines. Both companies cite excessive government overregulation as the main reason for these layoffs.” **said Rep. Bill Johnson (OH-06).** *“The Stop the War on Coal Act is*

common sense legislation that protects coal jobs from these destructive regulations that have put the heavy boot of an out of control federal regulatory bureaucracy on the neck of the coal industry. Protecting America's coal industry and the jobs that go with it is part of the a true 'all of the above' approach to energy production that creates jobs, lowers energy prices, and takes America one step closer to energy independence. Coal is critical to powering America, and I will always fight to END President Obama's assault on hardworking Americans who work in the coal industry and the many businesses that depend upon the reliable, cost effective energy that coal provides."

The *Stop the War on Coal Act of 2012* includes the following bills:

- H.R. 3409, the *Coal Miner Employment and Domestic Energy Infrastructure Protection Act*
- H.R. 910, *Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011*
- H.R. 2401, *Transparency in Regulatory Analysis of Impacts on the Nation Act of 2011*
- H.R. 2273, *Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act*
- H.R. 2018, *Clean Water Cooperative Federalism Act of 2011*

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