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Dear Congressman Johnson:

The National Mining Association (NMA) asks you to vote for American jobs and affordable electricity by supporting the "Coal Miner Employment and Domestic Energy Infrastructure Protection Act" (H.R. 3409).

This critical legislation is about more than coal mining jobs – it's about all the jobs created by affordable and reliable electricity generated from coal. These jobs range from high-tech manufacturing and computing to Main Street hardware and grocery stores that depend upon affordable electricity to keep the power on and the doors open.

H.R. 3409, which the House of Representatives is expected to consider on September 20, will ensure that electricity remains affordable for businesses and households. It will require federal regulators like the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to consider the costs and consequences of their regulatory actions before they put more people out of work. The bill protects states from undue interference by EPA that delays permits and depresses job creation. Further, it will block the EPA from imposing a "back-door cap and trade" system Congress and the American people have repeatedly rejected. And it will ensure that the byproducts of coal combustion and conversion can continue to be recycled for beneficial use in products like drywall and roads.

A vote for H.R. 3409 is a vote to sustain and create new jobs from affordable electricity, and I urge you to support this critical legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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