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The Honorable (insert Senator's or Representative's name)

Washington, DC

Subject: Why is coal important to America?

Dear (Sir or Madam),

I am writing to educate you on the importance of coal. My reasons are below.

America has more coal reserves within our borders than many oil rich nations such as Saudi Arabia has in equivalent heat energy of oil reserves. Ditto for Venezuela. From points of national security and economic prosperity, we Americans should use our own energy. According to EIA energy flow chart, America uses just a tad over 100 million quadrillion Btu's per year. So if we can use a greater percentage of coal, nuclear and renewables to satisfy our appetite for energy, then there is that much less requirements for imported oil and gas.

No, I do not see us replacing our imported oil and gas in the near term with coal. Nor do I see us replacing oil and gas with renewables of any and all types. But more coal energy production combined with new nuclear plants and renewables where practical can sure reduce the climb of imported oil and gas as it escalates from 1974 to present, now about 60% imports. Coal is a vital part of our energy mix.

Please give these matters serious thought as I believe the future of our country depends on the decisions you make today as our elected representative. I ask that you do the research and understand these issues from an objective point of view as you make these important decisions for our country.

Thank you for the time you took to read my letter and thank you for your interest in these important issues.

Sincerely,

(your name here)