



American Coal Ash Association

Advancing the management and
use of coal combustion products.

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Dear Gentlemen:

The American Coal Ash Association (ACAA) writes in support of H.R. 1734, the Improving Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2015.

The ACAA represents those interested in recycling coal combustion products in ways that protect the environment, are technically appropriate, commercially competitive, and contributing to a more sustainable society. ACAA is not a large Washington DC trade organization. We are headquartered in Farmington Hills, Michigan, and have only two full-time employees. We rely on our volunteer members to pursue an agenda that is mostly technical. Many of ACAA's members are small businesses comprised of people who have dedicated entire careers to the cause of coal ash recycling and improving our environment. It is these small businesses that were hurt most by the regulatory uncertainty created by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 2009 when it proposed the possibility of an unwarranted "hazardous waste" designation for coal ash.

Permanent regulatory certainty is of paramount importance to the ash recycling industry. Attracting the investment necessary to increase the beneficial use of coal ash as an alternative to disposal depends on effective regulatory policies. We believe that H.R. 1734 would permanently resolve regulatory uncertainty surrounding coal ash management and create a more effective regulatory structure than EPA can accomplish with its existing toolbox.

Sincerely,

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