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June 17, 2015

Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation:

The Honorable Robert A. Brady  
The Honorable Chaka Fattah  
The Honorable Mike Kelly  
The Honorable Scott Perry  
The Honorable Glenn Thompson  
The Honorable Ryan Costello  
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Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Tim Murphy

Dear Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation:

We are writing in support of H.R. 1734, the "Improving Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2015".

The Pennsylvania House and Senate Coal Caucuses applaud the decision by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to regulate coal combustion residuals (CCR) under the non-hazardous waste provisions of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The EPA's rule was published in the Federal Register on April 17, 2015.

Under RCRA, the EPA unfortunately lacks authority to provide for the implementation of the new federal requirements through a state permit program to issue permits and oversee compliance. As a result, enforcement is solely through litigation in the courts.

We urge a "yes" vote for H.R. 1734. This bill would accomplish several important objectives:

- Allows states, such as Pennsylvania, to establish a state-based permit program to implement regulatory requirements at least as stringent as those in the final CCR rule;
- Provides EPA with authority to review state programs and their implementation of the requirements, and authorizes EPA to implement the permit program where a state chooses not to implement the requirements or has failed to implement them adequately;
- Restores to each state the normal and customary flexibility for site-specific tailoring of the minimum federal requirements; and

In closing, the passing of H.R. 1734 would assure a coherent, consistent implementation of the final CCR rule in a manner that appropriately addresses site-specific circumstances of each facility to better protect the public.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our support for H.R. 1734.

Sincerely,



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