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Dear Representative:

On behalf of Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) and millions of taxpayers nationwide, I urge you to support H.R. 3409, the Stop the War on Coal Act. Over the past four years, we have witnessed the Obama Administration take unprecedented steps to cripple America's coal industry. H.R. 3409 includes numerous provisions to alleviate this essential energy source from incapacitating regulations while providing support for the thousands workers whose livelihoods depend on it.

The Stop the War on Coal Act is an amalgamation of legislation that looks to ensure Americans access to affordable energy. One piece of House-passed legislation that constitutes H.R. 3409 is the Energy Tax Prevention Act. The politicized EPA is implementing regulations and rules that will drive up energy prices, send jobs overseas, and hamstring America's economic recovery—powers never granted to the EPA. Looking to put a stop to the EPA's damaging regulations, the Energy Tax Prevention Act—and subsequently the Stop the War on Coal Act—would rein in the out of control EPA and put an end to misguided interpretations of the Clean Air Act.

Another component of the Stop the War on Coal Act is the Coal Miner Employment and the Domestic Infrastructure Protection Act. These facets will prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from issuing regulations that further exacerbate coal mining unemployment or reduce the amount of coal available for domestic consumption or export.

The Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act would provide consistent state regulatory authority over coal ash, preserving the thousands of jobs that reuse coal ash. Most importantly, it will provide an alternative to EPA's misguided plan to regulate coal ash, which is estimated to cost over 300,000 jobs and drive up electricity costs.

And lastly, in an effort to better understand how EPA policies impact American manufacturing, global competitiveness, and energy prices, the TRAIN Act calls for an interagency committee to analyze the cumulative economic impacts of certain environmental regulations.

It is important that the United States restore a common-sense, balanced approach to federal regulation. Passing this job creating package of legislation is essential to ensuring that Americans have access to efficient, reliable energy.

It is for these reasons that I urge Congress to pass the War on Coal Act.

Sincerely,



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