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The Honorable George Miller
Chairman
House Education and Labor Committee
Room 2181 RHOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We are writing with regard to H.R. 5663, the "Robert C. Byrd Miner Safety and Health Act of 2010", which you introduced on July 1 and which I understand is scheduled for markup on July 21. Further to our letter of July 12 concerning the bill, we have reviewed the most recent "amendment in the nature of a substitute" and support the changes that have been made in section 118 of the bill relating to "Certification of Personnel". The changes accommodate the various concerns that we raised in our July 12 letter and we very much appreciate your willingness to incorporate them into the amendment. We trust that these changes will make for a better, more effective bill, particularly as it relates to the role of the states in protecting our Nation's miners through the certification process that we implement as part of our own mine safety and health programs. We appreciate the Committee's continuing efforts to bring the states into the process of reviewing and providing input on the legislation and look forward to continuing to work with you on the measure.

Sincerely,

Gregory E. Conrad
Executive Director