



Kentucky Coal Association

Leadership for the Coal Industry

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The Honorable Geoff Davis
U.S. House of Representatives
1119 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Davis:

Please consider this letter as the Kentucky Coal Association's endorsement of H.R. 10, otherwise known as the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act (REINS ACT). We support your efforts in the introduction and hopeful passage of this important bill.

The coal industry of Kentucky has been hampered by the Environmental Protection Agency's recent efforts to implement billions of dollars of additional costs targeting the consumers of Kentucky, with little regard as to the impact of these proposed regulations.

Taking an up-or-down, stand-alone vote in particular to new regulations that have a \$100 million economic impact would be the prudent thing to do. We agree that passing this bill will protect against either party bypassing Congressional Authority by implementing one's political agenda through regulation.

We firmly agree with you, Congressman Davis, in regards to the REINS ACT passing, that it would hold members of Congress accountable on the question of whether a new regulation is truly needed, or is an unnecessary burden.

Thank you for your continued push to help protect the citizens of Kentucky.

Sincerely,

Bill Bissett, President
Kentucky Coal Association