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Senator George C. Edwards
James Senate Office Building, Room 323
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Reference: Maryland coal tax credit

Dear Senator Edwards,

Maryland Energy Resources, LLC (MER) strongly supports your efforts to continue the Maryland coal tax credit for Maryland coal producers. There are very few coal producers left in Maryland. We all need the help and support from you and other Senators to keep the coal industry alive to provide clean coal for Maryland power plants. These plants provide continuous sustainable electrical power for homes and industry.

MER operates the largest deep mine in Western Maryland at a location south of Grantsville. This is the Flagship mine of Corsa Coal Corporation, the parent of MER. The mine is known as the "Casselman Mine". The mine employs over 100 hard working men and women from the Garrett County area. It has been proven that for every coal miner job created, another 3-5 jobs mature from the mining operation.

The coal tax credits are very important to our company. As a Maryland company, we make the following expenditures on an annual basis:

- \$13,000,000 in payroll and benefits
- \$185,000 in Maryland payroll taxes
- \$8,000,000 paid to Trucking companies
- \$4,000,000 paid in royalties to Maryland landowners
- \$1,443,000 to Maryland businesses for mine supplies, services and utilities

For the last nine (9) years, MER has operated the Casselman Mine. We hope to continue the operation with your help and the Maryland Legislature. As a resident of Garrett County, Maryland, you know the importance of these jobs to your residents. We strongly support your efforts to continue the Maryland coal tax credits for the Maryland coal industry. If you need any additional information in these efforts, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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