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To The Maryland General Assembly:

It is with great concern that I write to you regarding the Maryland Coal Tax Credit. The Town of Barton and the residents within are in extreme favor for the continuation of this credit. The Coal Tax Credit is essential to the economy in our area of Allegany County. The coal industry is a huge employer in the Allegany County region. Not only does the coal industry provide jobs to miners, there are many indirect jobs associated with the mining business including truckers, mechanics, fuel station and restaurant workers, etc. In Allegany County, these are jobs we cannot afford to lose.

I urge you to strongly consider the continuation of the Maryland Coal Tax Credit. This credit is vital to our Allegany County communities and economy. Coal mining operations are critical to maintaining our economy and the area cannot afford to lose anymore major business/employers. In any wartime situation, these mines are essential to the steel manufacturing industry offering protection and support to our country through the production of war equipment and machinery.

The Town of Barton appreciates your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,



Daniel A. Colmer, Mayor

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