



RESOLUTION CALLING ON POLICYMAKERS TO SUPPORT JOBS AND ECONOMIC SECURITY BY FIXING COAL MINE PERMITTING SYSTEM

BE IT KNOWN, the undersigned Members of the Federation for American Coal, Energy and Security (FACES of Coal) find the current delays in issuing permits for lawful mining activity in West Virginia and throughout Appalachia are thwarting investments and jeopardizing jobs and economic opportunity in coal communities across the region; and

WHEREAS, the links between coal production, economic growth, prosperity and energy security are inextricable; and

WHEREAS, coal is a main source of energy throughout the world and generates half the electricity used in the United States, and even more in the region; and

WHEREAS, coal mining provides more than 88,000 jobs in West Virginia alone; pays wages that are double the average wage in the state; and generates nearly \$15 billion in economic output for the state; and

WHEREAS, coal mining in West Virginia is balancing the economic needs and environmental expectations of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, coal mine lands are being restored to meet ongoing economic, recreational, educational, transportation and housing needs of local communities and the state; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing backlog in Section 404 permit approvals, the lack of transparency in the federal permitting process, and ongoing court challenges to permit applications are jeopardizing jobs, economic opportunity and coal production throughout West Virginia and the region.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Members of FACES of Coal Campaign call upon the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the President's Council on Environmental Quality, the West

Virginia congressional delegation and other congressional delegations in the region, and state and local government officials to support coal production and the jobs, economic growth and energy security provided by coal mining by fixing a regulatory system that is frustrating these vital objectives.

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