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TO OSM:

The practice of valley fill construction was formally recognized by Congress with the passage of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. In the 30 years since the passage of that legislation, the coal industry has been burdened by continuous litigation, which has sought to outlaw this practice, which is a necessary component to all forms of mining in steep sloped terrain. The proposed rule seeks to reinforce the Congressional intent of thirty years ago, by specifically recognizing and regulating valley fill construction, which would hopefully mean an end to the wasteful litigation which has plague the industry for decades. The Passage of this rule will give the coal industry the regulatory stability which it needs to continue to provide this country with a vital source of energy. I don't know about the people who comprise this board, did I elect you? If I did I hope you do the job that I elected you to do and put a stop to our dependence on foreign countries. We are no longer the provider for the world we are the dependent and are losing our credibility. I am tired of all the laws protecting the immigrants and we can't protect our citizens job but instead shipping them off to other countries. This is not what America was meant to do it is definitely time for the people of America to speak out and say enough is enough. Maybe it is time for the majority of the country the working class to take a stand and clean house so those that appointed you, will hold you responsible, or If I elected you then you need to answer to me one of the majority of country and not the few wealthy who have nothing better to do than to pick the crap out of every little thing they know nothing about, have them find away to feed the hungry right here in our own country or find housing for the homeless that our government has forgotten. I am just one person but I can find those to help me in my efforts to clean house and I don't need a big corporate backing to do so, just talk to the people that I see everyday which are the working class that take care of the people on assistance and pay your salary with our hard earned tax money. I have seen in the last week more federal and state cars that far exceed the necessity of the job of transportation but are cars of luxury. I drive and 1999 vehicle and my husband and I both work and we don't drive cars like I have seen nor do we want to drive the gas guzzlers.

Please feel free to pass this on to my representatives the people I elected but I can't get close enough to get myself heard.

Thank you for your consideration.

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