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The Honorable John Shimkus
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2125 Rayburn House Office Building
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RE: Letter of Support for The Coal Residuals Re-use and Management Act

Dear Chairmen Shimkus:

The Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) is writing in support of the Manager's Amendments to The Coal Residuals Re-use and Management Act.

We believe that the proposed changes will strengthen the bill by addressing issues that have been brought to our attention.

The bill's approach conforms with our resolution on this matter, and ensures that states will regulate Coal Combustion Residuals under federal standards with a maximum of flexibility, preservation of the rights of states to be more stringent, and in a manner which will assure the quickest implementation.

ECOS' members are the leaders of the states' environmental agencies.

I would be pleased to provide any additional information in support of ECOS' position.

Regards,

Executive Director

Attachment