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Armand Southall
Regulatory Specialist
Office of Natural Resource Revenue

RE: Coal Valuation Rule

Dear Mr. Southall:

The Wyoming Stock Growers Association (WSGA) represents the ranching industry, the third most important economic contributor to our state. Since 1872 we have advocated for landowners on matters that affect their economic returns, private property rights and culture.

Wyoming citizens, including our members, have been tremendous beneficiaries of the returns generated from coal production in the state. Currently, we are feeling the impacts of reduced coal production due in part to increased government regulation.

WSGA is excited with the efforts of President Trump to reduce burdensome regulations on all natural resource industries including ranching and mining. The proposed ONNR rule was developed by an administration dedicated to shutting down the coal industry. It should not move forward under the current administration.

The current coal valuation rule has served all interests well. Any changes to coal valuation, if necessary, should be developed collaboratively with the industry from the perspective of fostering a vibrant coal industry while assuring reasonable returns on value to local, state and federal governments.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

Jim Magagna
Executive Vice President

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