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The Honorable Arlen Specter  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Specter:

As the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee considers the Boxer-Kerry Climate Change bill, please fight for the necessary modifications that keep the Pennsylvania coal economy competitive. I am deeply concerned about the impact this bill will have on the economy of Pennsylvania and more specifically, Pennsylvania jobs. Pennsylvania needs a bill that promotes economic growth, energy security and environmental improvement. I urge you to oppose any bill that does not meet all three of these criteria.

I have a deep appreciation for the coal economy here in Western Pennsylvania. I am proud to be a part of an industry that provides thousands of direct and indirect jobs and pumps millions of dollars a year into all facets of state and local businesses and governments through wages, contracts, purchased supplies and taxes paid. In addition to the economic benefit, coal provides affordable electricity to both our residential consumers and our energy intensive manufacturers here in the Commonwealth. Coal is our competitive advantage in many ways. If climate change legislation at the federal level penalizes coal, it also penalizes the consumer and the entire economy here in Pennsylvania. We cannot afford a new law that will place additional taxes on coal and will ultimately increase the cost of so many things in our lives.

Please continue to fight for the coal industry that my job depends on and the low cost energy that Pennsylvania enjoys.

Sincerely,

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City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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