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The Honorable John Barrasso  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Barrasso:

The National Mining Association commends you for your leadership in authoring and introducing S. 383, the Utilizing Significant Emissions with Innovative Technologies “USE IT” Act.

Global coal-fired power capacity has increased 62 percent since 2000 and, with that growing capacity, coal will continue to be a predominant fuel in the global energy mix.

Advanced coal technologies that increase efficiency and reduce emissions are being cost-effectively deployed around the globe as world coal consumption continues to grow. At present these technologies are being underutilized in the U.S., even while 67 percent of voters say the U.S. should be doing more to encourage their use here at home.

With smart incentives, such as those included in the “USE IT” Act, the U.S. could deliver both the fuel diversity and emissions reductions voters want by embracing innovation and encouraging the adoption of advanced coal technologies.

Specifically, we support provisions that promote further research and development of technologies that will convert carbon into products of commercial value. We also support the goal of reviewing and developing policy guidance to facilitate the permitting of the necessary supporting infrastructure including carbon dioxide pipelines.

The success of any effort to address the changing climate will rest with innovation and technology – utilizing both the technologies that exist today and investing in new technologies for tomorrow. The USE IT Act is an important step forward in advancing commonsense, meaningful action to reduce emissions globally. The U.S. has always been home to pioneering innovation and cutting-edge technologies; through the USE IT Act, we can help bring important carbon capture technologies to commercial reality, incentivize their use at home and export them to the rest of the world.

Thank you for putting forward this legislation.

Sincerely,

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