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The Honorable Michael R. Pence  
Vice President of the United States of America  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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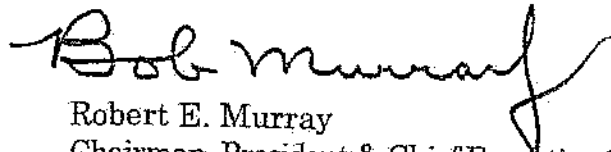
Dear Vice President Pence:

Enclosed is an Action Plan for the Administration of President Donald J. Trump, which will help in getting America's coal miners back to work. We have listed our suggested actions in order of priority.

We are available to assist you and your Administration in any way that you request.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

**ACTION PLAN FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF  
PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP**

- **CLEAN POWER PLAN**

The so-called Clean Power Plan must be eliminated. Murray Energy Corporation obtained a stay of this rule before the Supreme Court of the United States on February 3, 2016. This illegal rule will close an additional fifty-six (56) coal-fired electric generating plants, totaling 53,000 megawatts, on top of the 101,000 megawatts (411 coal-fired plants) that President Barack Obama and his Democrat supporters have already closed.

- **“ENDANGERMENT FINDING” FOR GREENHOUSE GASES**

With the overturning of the Clean Power Plan, there must be a withdrawal and suspension of the implementation of the so-called “endangerment finding” for greenhouse gases.

EPA’s “endangerment finding” under the Clean Air Act serves as the foundation for the agency’s far reaching regulation of the economy in the form of emission limitations for greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide. The high degree of uncertainty in the range of data relied upon by EPA combined with the enormous regulatory costs without concomitant benefits merit revisiting the “endangerment finding”.

According to EPA’s finding, the “root cause” of recently observed climate change is “likely” the increase in anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions. EPA relied upon computer-based-climate-model simulations and a “synthesis” of major findings from scientific assessment reports with a significant range of uncertainty related to temperatures over 25 years. The climate model failures are well documented in their inability to emulate real-world climate behavior. Models that are unable to simulate known climate behavior cannot provide reliable projections of future climate behavior. As for the scientific assessments underlying the “synthesis” of findings used by EPA, many were not peer reviewed, and there are multiple instances where portions of peer reviewed literature germane to the “endangerment finding” were omitted, ignored or unfairly dismissed.

- **ELIMINATE THE THIRTY (30) PERCENT PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT FOR WINDMILLS AND SOLAR PANELS IN ELECTRICITY GENERATION**

Electricity generated by windmills and solar panels costs twenty-six (26) cents per kilowatt hour with a four (4) cent per kilowatt hour subsidy from the American taxpayers. These energy sources are unreliable and only available if the wind blows or the sun shines. Coal-fired electricity costs only four (4) cents per kilowatt hour. Low cost electricity is a staple of life, and we must have a level playing field in electric power generation without the government picking winners and losers by subsidizing wind and solar power.

**ACTION PLAN FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF  
PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP (CONTINUED)**

- **WITHDRAW FROM THE ILLEGAL UNITED NATIONS COP 21 PARIS CLIMATE ACCORD**

The United Nation's COP 21 Paris Climate Accord, to which Barack Obama has already committed one (1) billion dollars of America's money, is an attempt by the rest of the world to obtain funding from our Country. It is an illegal treaty never approved by Congress, and it will have no effect on the environment.

- **END THE ELECTRIC UTILITY MAXIMUM ACHIEVABLE TECHNOLOGY AND OZONE REGULATIONS**

We have won these issues in the United States Supreme Court, and these rules must be completely overturned.

- **FUND THE DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN CLEAN COAL TECHNOLOGIES**

The Federal government must support the development of some Clean Coal Technologies, including: ultra super critical combustion; high efficiency, low emission coal firing; combined cycle coal combustion; and others. It should not fund so-called carbon capture and sequestration ("CCS"), as it does not work, practically or economically. Democrats and some Republicans use CCS as a political cover to insincerely show that they are proposing something for coal. But, carbon capture and sequestration is a pseudonym for "no coal".

- **OVERHAUL THE BLOATED AND POLITICALIZED MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION OF THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

This Federal agency, over the past eight (8) years, has not been focused on the coal miner safety, but on politics, bureaucracy, waste, and violation quotas. While coal mine employment has been cut in half, the Federal Mine Safety and Health Administration has continued to hire inspectors every year. But, the government has nowhere to put them. Murray Energy Corporation received an average of 532 Federal inspectors per month in 2016. We must send a Company manager with every one of these inspectors, taking us away from our employee safety inspections and safety training.

- **CUT THE STAFF OF THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY IN AT LEAST HALF**

Tens of thousands of government bureaucrats have issued over 82,000 pages of regulations under Obama, many of them regarding coal mining and utilization. The Obama EPA, alone, wrote over 25,000 pages of rules, thirty-eight (38) times the words in our Holy Bible.

**ACTION PLAN FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF  
PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP (CONTINUED)**

• **OVERTURN THE RECENTLY ENACTED CROSS-STATE AIR POLLUTION RULE**

This regulation particularly punishes states in which coal mining takes place to the benefit of other wealthier east coast states.

• **REVISE THE ARBITRARY COAL MINE DUST REGULATION OF THE MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

This regulation provides no health benefit to our coal miners, and threatens the destruction of thousands of coal mining jobs.

• **OBTAIN LEGISLATION TO FUND BOTH THE RETIREE MEDICAL CARE AND PENSIONS FOR ALL OF AMERICA'S UNITED MINE WORKERS OF AMERICA (UMWA) - REPRESENTED, RETIRED COAL MINERS**

For four (4) years, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has refused to address this issue. Some say that this is because the UMWA wrongly opposed him in his recent election. This must be taken care of. And the legislation enacted must address not just those recently orphaned through company bankruptcies and mine closures, but the medical benefits and pensions that were promised to all retired miners by the Federal government itself.

• **OVERTURN THE MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, PATTERN OF VIOLATIONS RULE**

This rule is a punitive action of the Mine Safety and Health Administration under its Director for the past eight (8) years, the former Safety Director of a labor union.

• **APPOINT JUSTICES TO THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES WHO WILL FOLLOW OUR UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND OUR LAWS**

We must offset the liberal appointees who want to redefine our Constitution and our laws.

• **MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION MUST BE REPLACED**

The current Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has a record of favoring actions of the Obama Administration that have destroyed the reliability of America's electric power grid and which have led to skyrocketing electric power costs, as Mr. Obama, who appointed them, stated would occur in 2008.

**ACTION PLAN FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF  
PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP (CONTINUED)**

- **MEMBERS OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MUST BE REPLACED**

The Board of Directors of this government agency has followed the mandates of the Obama Administration, rather than assure reliable, low cost electricity for the Tennessee Valley Authority's rate payers, whom they are mandated to serve in this manner.

- **REPLACE THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD ("NLRB")**

Eliminate the antiemployer bias of the NLRB by appointing members and staff, particularly in the General Counsel's office, who will fairly consider the employer's position and needs and not automatically accede to the unions or unionized employees in every matter considered.