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TO: NATURAL RESOURCES AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

FR: KURT H. HILYARD, COAL BOARD MEMBER *K.H. Hilyard*

RE: COAL TAX ALLOCATION

Please consider restoring the Coal Board's 2007 Biennium grant appropriation to the 2003 Biennium level which was \$1,967,784. This request, if approved, would amount to \$467,784 over the 2005 Biennium level.

There has been and will continue to be more and more requests for funds due to the increasing level of "Coal Country" activity. We never have enough funds to meet the demands impacted by coal production areas but decreasing the biennial amount only aggravates that situation further.

Again, please consider restoring the grant appropriation amount. I can assure you that the communities affected by coal funds would be equally appreciative of your endeavor. Thank you.

Please contact me if I can be of any further assistance.