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Without the Maryland Coal Tax Credit program Tri-Star Mining, Inc. will find it very hard to survive financially. With today's financial hardships, small businesses will be unable to meet the increasing demand of operating expenses. Every year the cost of insurance, taxes, fuel, blasting material, etc. increases. Without these extra perks to help with these demands, small businesses will find it very hard to operate.

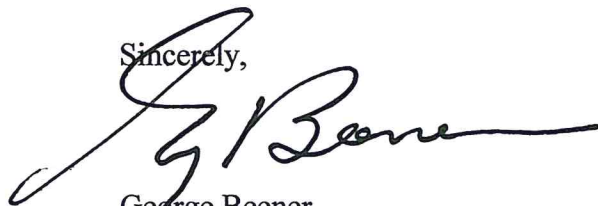
With so many businesses struggling today to stay afloat, we hope that you will consider the affect this will have not only on Tri-Star Mining, Inc. and their families, but also the many other businesses supported by Tri-Star Mining, Inc.

After factoring in all issues, we as a company hope that you will take all things into consideration before making a rash decision such as eliminating the Maryland Coal Tax Credit program. Such a decision could have major repercussions on today's already unstable economy.

Therefore if this Coal Tax Credit should go away; the door would be open for out of state businesses to sell their coal within Maryland. This would result in less and less taxes to be collected within the state which would take away from the up keep of multiple resources at County and State levels.

The Producers / Receivers o the Maryland Tax Credit is - MARYLAND HELPING MARYLAND.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Beener", written in a cursive style.

George Beener
President