



**Town of Midland**  
**19823 Big Lane, SW**  
**Midland, MD 21532**

**Mayor**  
**Richard M. Blair**

Town Meeting 7:30  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Month

Member Maryland Municipal League

**Town Council:**  
**Gerald Gray**  
**Michael McGowan, II**  
**John R. Monahan**  
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Town Administrator  
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February 17, 2020

The Honorable Adrienne Jones, Speaker  
Maryland House of Delegates  
State House, H-101  
100 State Circle  
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Maryland -Mined Coal Tax Credit -Repeal

Dear Speaker Jones:

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Midland are strongly opposed to any attempt to advance the repeal of the Maryland Mined Coal Tax Credit. Coal mining in the George's Creek region of Allegany County is an essential component of our local economy, and provides many well paying jobs for our residents. Repealing the tax credit will have a negative impact on many small businesses in our community which depend on mining activity as their primary source of commercial support. As we have stated previously, this proposal not only threatens our local economy, but it will directly impact the funding method by which the state relies to restore properties which were once mined and never reclaimed.

Speaker Jones and House of Delegates members, the Mayor and Town Council respectfully request that you continue to support the Coal Tax Credit. We thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this important request to support businesses in Allegany County.

Sincerely,

  
Richard M. Blair, Mayor

CC: Governor Larry Hogan  
Senator George C. Edwards  
Delegate Wendell R. Beitzel  
Delegate Jason Buckel  
Delegate Mike McKay