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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to support the continued use of Beneficial Use Ash in Pennsylvania without imposing additional requirements and regulations. With all the reclamation projects that have been completed in Pennsylvania, there has not been a single problem. There appears to be no deficiencies in the existing regulations as they stand. It is unfair that outsiders with monetary motivation should be able to change a process that is quite sufficient. The Roaring Run Watershed Association has a 160 acre site in which 1.5 million tons of waste coal was removed and 1.4 million tons of Beneficial Coal Ash was returned in its place. This material was used as structural fill to achieve approximate original contour of the area and encapsulation of acid bearing materials. Scrubgrass Generating's efforts resulted in the restoration of the area to its natural setting and the reduction of acid mine drainage (AMD) into the Kiskiminetas river. The entire 160 acre site has been transformed from a polluted wasteland to a landscape that is abundant with trees, grasses, and shrubs. Over 50,000 people a year are able to enjoy the Roaring Run Watershed Association recreation area. People of all walks of life are able to use the hiking and biking trails and enjoy the return of wildlife and fish in the river due to the reclamation project and use of Beneficial Use Ash. Please allow this practice to continue without further legislation so all Pennsylvanians may benefit from it.

Sincerely,

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