



The Honorable Rodric Bray, President Pro Tempore, Indiana Senate  
Indiana State House  
200 W. Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Senator Bray,

The undersigned organizations strongly oppose House Bill 1414. The sole purpose of this legislation is to sustain the profits of two coal mining companies, regardless of the negative consequences – higher utility bills, harm to public health, and making it harder for utilities to retire aging, uneconomic coal-fired plants that are not necessary to ensure a reliable supply of electricity.

There is overwhelming opposition to this legislation, including from all five investor-owned utilities in Indiana. It runs fundamentally counter to the inevitable trends in the power market, including the systematic phaseout of coal-fired power.

Coal's demise is certain.

- The [Energy Information Administration](#) projects that renewables will overtake coal as a source of electricity next year, generating 22 percent of the nation's power, compared to 21 percent for coal plants.
- [Morgan Stanley](#) expects up to 80 percent of [the remaining coal fleet](#) to be financially at risk from renewable energy investments through 2030.
- The shuttering of coal plants from 2005 to 2016 saved over 26,000 lives and resulted in higher crop yields near the plants from reduced air pollution, according to a [University of California](#) study.
- As of 2017, in [Great Lakes states](#), there were about 345,000 clean energy jobs, compared to about 57,000 jobs at coal, natural gas and nuclear power plants and about 21,000 jobs in coal mining and natural gas drilling.
- By 2025, [NextEra Energy](#) estimates wind and solar facilities coupled with energy storage will be cheaper than most existing coal-fired, nuclear or natural gas-fired power plants.

It is critical that Indiana look forward, not backward. The economic and public health opportunities inherent in a clean energy future are too great to ignore.

We urge you to withdraw H.B. 1414 from consideration.

Sincerely,

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