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Admiral T. Joseph Lopez, USN (Ret.)
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Dear Admiral Lopez,

I write to congratulate Imagine West Virginia on its new independent report, Coal: Energy, the Environment and West Virginia. America needs coal in its energy future and we need a concentrated effort to promote clean coal and new technologic advances to capture and sequester carbon as we move to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

I believe that the Imagine West Virginia report correctly identifies the challenges and opportunities coal faces in the coming decades. Coal must be able to compete in any new carbon-regulated future, and we must begin preparing for that future now. As I continue my work in the Senate to create incentives for the development of carbon capture and sequestration technologies and to increase resources for energy research and development, I welcome the continued input of Imagine West Virginia to ensure that coal remains central to our nation's energy portfolio. You have the West Virginia expertise and connections to spread the message of West Virginia's opportunities in this new century.

As always, I wish you the best.

Sincerely,



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