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Dear Mine Rescue Team Member,

Each year on October 30, we acknowledge our appreciation for the first responders who support the mining community. Mine Rescue Day allows us to stop and reflect on the hard work and dedication of the men and women who put themselves in danger to save a fellow miner's life.

You are among an elite group of individuals who make up about 280 mine rescue teams across the country. You train hard, give up personal and family time, and commit to perform dangerous work at a moment's notice. We count on your ability to think and act quickly, use the latest technology, and communicate seamlessly under tremendously difficult circumstances. You have never let us, or your fellow miners, down -- we thank you for that.

Frankly, we hope that your skills are never needed, but we all breathe easier knowing that you are only a phone call away. We think it's important to remember that commitment on this day every year.

As mine rescue evolves, so do your skills, which are rigorously put to the test during regular training and regional competitions. This year's metal and nonmetal contest was held in July in Lexington, Ky., and we look forward to next year's coal contest. Your participation in these events advances the state of mine rescue in this country, and provides for a safer and healthier environment for every miner.

We salute you for your bravery and willingness to put yourself in harm's way to serve others. Again, thank you for your service to our nation's miners.

Sincerely,

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David Zatezalo
Assistant Secretary of Labor for
Mine Safety and Health

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael R Peck".

Michael Peck
President, Holmes Mine
Rescue Association

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Wes Kenneweg
President, National Mine
Rescue Association