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As a former MSHA Inspector and currently owner of Wilkes Mine Safety Consulting I am alarmed that there is even the hint of reducing mining regulations. As a underground coal miner for 27.5 years and then inspecting Metal/Non Metal operations for twelve years I know from experience mining companies will only comply with the regulations if forced to. The fines are not to high if anything they are to low, compared to OSHA fines they are nothing. Lets never forget thousands of miners lost their lives and our government was extremely slow in developing laws we have on the books today.

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