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Hello,

I do a lot of work in the mining industry, and I think that stronger financial assurance requirements would help create a level playing field for all mining companies. As things stand now, some companies do a very good job of providing financial assurance, while others do very little. This results in unfair competition. Please help even this out.

One more thing: In the past, the federal government has strictly limited the types of investments that can be used in financial assurance mechanisms, especially trusts. Please clarify that a broader range of investments (such as typical equities traded on a public exchange) is authorized. This would allow mining companies to achieve greater rates of return on funds set aside for financial assurance.

Thanks for considering my comments.

Rod Brown

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