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### **State and country will benefit from clean coal**

Congressman Rahall is right about coal-to-liquid technologies and their place in any climate change legislation. As he says in the article entitled, “Highway, climate legislation looms big” (Jan. 12—The Register-Herald) we need legislation that provides incentives for coal to liquid technologies, not legislation that discourages the use of coal.

We all know how important the coal industry is to the economy of West Virginia. It provides high paying jobs that are the foundation of many of our communities. Promoting the environmentally responsible use of coal would allow for our states’ coal economy to flourish and with it our population, for years to come.

Not only does West Virginia stand to benefit from clean coal technologies, but America does, too. The more America can rely on domestic sources of energy in the future, such as coal, the less we will need to import sources of energy from foreign nations.

Fighting climate change and improving our national security are two goals that every American should have. Congressman Rahall understands this, and we should encourage his colleagues to actively seek out an economically feasible and environmentally responsible energy policy for America.

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