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The Honorable Rand Paul
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Paul:

Crouse Corporation wishes to thank you for your leadership in introducing Senate Bill 2122, The Defense of Environment and Property Act of 2012. Your efforts to restore common sense to the federal jurisdiction over private property rights is long overdue.

As you know, Crouse Corporation barges nearly 30 million tons of coal annually to electric utilities in our region as well as for export. By eliminating unnecessary regulations your legislation will help to ensure that Kentucky coal remains competitive, thereby preserving Kentucky jobs and low utility bills for Kentucky residents. In addition, the benefits of this legislation will be felt by many small businesses and family farms throughout our state. We enthusiastically support S.2122.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen D. Little". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Stephen D. Little
President

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