

Urge Tipton to cosponsor environmental stewardship resolution

Excellent article- "Ol' King Coal not so merry anymore!" American coal isn't the only declining coal industry. Major international banks have refused to finance Australia's largest mining project. American and international banks have withdrawn funding for new coal burning power plants. China is closing many coal burning power plants under pressure from the public to curb air pollution, water pollution and climate change effects.

In many American states, local environmentalists have sued their state's department of environmental protection to force state agencies to regulate and monitor coal pollution, especially from dangerous coal ash. Pressure from the public isn't going away, it's building.

Congress could easily help coal-producing communities to transition by attracting new industries. Congress just needs the will to accept that coal communities have a long-term economic problem, and the whole country needs more top-notch environmental stewardship.

Rep. Scott Tipton has valiantly supported all types of bipartisan environmental legislation – it's time for him also to push Congress to study the impacts of, and solutions for, carbon pollution. Please urge him to cosponsor Republican Representative Chris Gibson's environmental stewardship resolution that calls on the House to study economically feasible policies to curb human impacts on our climate. The bill has ten other Republican cosponsors who need Rep. Tipton too.

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