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Mr. Dan Pickett, President  
Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen  
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Dear Brother Pickett:

I would like to extend an invitation to you and the members of your union to join us in Pittsburgh, PA., on Thursday, July 31, 2014, as thousands of our members protest regulations proposed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that would destroy our nation's coal industry and coal-related jobs while effectively doing nothing to address the issue of climate change.

As you may know, the EPA recently issued a rule that would require a 30% reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emitted from existing electric generating power plants, reducing overall domestic demand for coal by 50% over the next 15 to 20 years. Yet it would affect less than 1% of globally generated CO<sub>2</sub>, as it in no way compels other countries such as China and India, with their huge and rapidly growing appetite for coal, to follow our example.

In short, this rule does not accomplish what its authors purportedly intend, which is to scale back global warming. The only thing it does accomplish is to kill millions of American jobs in the coal, utility, rail and associated industries, while threatening to wipe out the health care and pension benefits of tens of thousands of retirees.

In conjunction with a field hearing to be conducted by the EPA on July 31<sup>st</sup>, the UMWA will be rallying 11:00 a.m. at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in downtown Pittsburgh, then marching to the nearby site of the hearing. For further information about the day's events, please contact At-Large International Vice President Donnie Samms at 724-785-8692. If you plan to attend personally, please contact Katy Owen, at 703-291-2440.

I greatly hope to see you July 31<sup>st</sup> in Pittsburgh.

In Solidarity,

Cecil E. Roberts  
International President

Daniel J. Kane  
International Secretary-Treasurer

cc: International Executive Board  
Regional Directors