

STEVEN CAVE: Hi, my name is Steven Cave. I'm speaking on today on behalf of my son. He's a coming senior this year. He is a student body president. In our rural community we watched three mines close in the last couple years, being Horizon Mine, Deer Creek Mine, and CONSOL Mine. He's watched several of his friends move out of the community, and he is really involved in the student government, deals with the education, the high school, and he would like me to invite you guys to come visit one of our rural high schools, walk in the gym, and look on the wall and see who really helps the schools. It's all these vendors we're talking about, the coal mine companies. They are all listed on the wall. They all support and contribute to the athletic departments, to our Future Business Leaders of America, to our student government councils. Without these donations, without these companies, these kids will have nothing. Some of these children the only chance they'll have for a high school education is scholarships provided by these mining companies and by these vendors that are in town. And every time one these coal leases gets affected, one of the vendors lay off. They go out of business. People move away. These children that's our future are not going to be given the opportunities if we continue this war on coal. And my opinion is this moratorium is nothing more than our current administration -- another avenue to put a nail in the coffin of our coal mines. Thank you.