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DEAR PRESIDENT _____,

We, the undersigned, are writing you concerning the Energy Initiative Advisory Committee of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges.

Ohio State University President E. Gordon Gee, a co-chair of this committee, is a director and Chairman of the Safety, Environmental and Public Policy Committee of Massey Energy Company. Massey Energy is based in Richmond, Virginia, and mines the highest volume of coal through surface mining in Central Appalachia. Massey's surface mining operations include mountaintop removal.

Mountaintop removal mining has already destroyed over 500 mountains in Central Appalachia. When mountains are leveled, ecosystems are disrupted, drinking water supplies contaminated with heavy metals and other toxins, and communities abandoned.

At the beginning of April, Dr. Gee said, "If I can't make a difference on a board then I will not serve."

Dr. Gee joined Massey's board in 2000. Since then, Massey has dramatically *increased* its mountaintop removal operations. It also violated the Clean Water Act over 4,500 times between January 2000 and December 2006, leading to the largest U.S. EPA lawsuit settlement in history.

Whatever Dr. Gee has said or done behind closed doors at Massey, it is now clear that he has not made a difference. The company continues — to this day — to commit the worst environmental atrocity of our time, mountaintop removal.

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We are eager to see the Energy Initiative Advisory Committee of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges take positive steps towards clean and renewable energy. To do so it needs to separate itself from the worst practices of the past.

We hope you will join us in urging Dr. Gee to resign from the board of directors of Massey Energy.

Please, do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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