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Dear Mr. Haddock,
We are writing to implore you not to approve the Coal Hollow Project near Alton, Utah.

We own a Bed & Breakfast that serves guests from all over the world who come to see the matchless beauty of our area and enjoy the clean air, dark skies and our nice little historic town.

We already have more than enough truck traffic through town and 300+ dirty, rumbling coal trucks every 4.8 minutes daily is unthinkable. Already people in our famous red brick homes along Hwy. 89 are seeing damage from truck vibration and pollution. Panguitch went to a lot of trouble to be registered as a National Historic District so why would the state now allow it to be ruined? 300+ coal trucks a day (and night) will make our way of life a thing of the past.

There is not enough economic benefit for the area to offset the damage it will do. It's poor quality coal and a relatively small project.....it's just not worth it. The state needs to be exploring more sources of clean, alternative energy and not be so reliant on coal. I pay extra on my electric bill to support wind energy as I know many other people do who are interested in seeing our state wean itself from coal dependency and pollution.

We went to Ferron, Utah a few months ago (and were saddened to see the brown haze over Castle Valley from the coal fired power plant) and talked to locals and a couple sheriffs deputies about how the coal industry has affected their town. While all agreed it had brought economic benefit they also said it has brought a lot of problems and if we can keep it out we should....especially given our spectacular natural surroundings. They felt like their area didn't rely on tourism to begin with so that industry hasn't been affected much but in our area it would be disasterous. The deputies cited an increase in drug arrests due to a more transient population of drivers and an increase in accidents due to loose coal on the road, road damage, windshields broken by coal coming off the trucks and tired and careless drivers who are paid by the load, not hourly.

Also, in dealing with Alton Development,LLC at public hearings we find them to be evasive and often change their stories...sometimes fabricating an answer just to please the person asking it. They will not tell us who the owners of the company are. They have given us no reason to trust them.

Thank you for your attention,

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