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I am writing on behalf of the 120 companies which comprise the Utah Mining Association (UMA) in support of the Coal Hollow Project in Kane County, Utah.

The Utah Mining Association is a nonprofit trade association, established in 1915, to further the interests of mining and mineral industries in the State of Utah. Its membership is comprised of companies and individuals who produce most of the metals, coal and industrial and agricultural minerals mined in the state, and includes manufacturers and suppliers in Utah providing goods and services to the mining industry.

The Project will bring much needed employment opportunities to Kane County. These employment opportunities would be stable and some of the highest paying jobs in the area. Alton Coal Development has taken significant steps to minimize any environmental impacts that could occur as part of the mining process, and is working closely with the local citizens and community leaders to address and mitigate any concerns related to the operation.

The Project will provide low cost coal, which is essential to the regions electric utilities industry at a time when Utah's available coal production is in high demand. Utah is reliant on the use of coal, nearly 90% of electricity in the state is from coal generated sources.

The local Kane County economy will benefit from the money spent to develop and operate the mine and to truck the coal to Cedar City.

The UMA, therefore, supports approval of the application to mine.

Thank you for considering UMA's comments on this important coal project.

Sincerely,

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