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The Honorable Manuel Lujan, Jr.
House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Lujan:

I was very disappointed to learn that you voted for Craig Hosmer's substitute bill H.R. 12898 to replace the effective Udall strip-mining control bill H.R. 11500. Presumably you were influenced by the profit motivated coal mining lobby which is using the energy shortage to justify irreversible ruination of large tracts of land. Your vote was short sighted. The protection of open space and untrammeled natural areas is still a valid cause despite the efforts of those far-from-disinterested parties who are trying to discredit the environmentalists as selfish self-seekers. Destruction of the environment and degradation of the quality of life are an unacceptable high price to pay for Americans' continued wasteful consumption of energy.

Together with millions of other Americans I am getting pretty sick of the vulnerableness of legislators and congressmen to the pressures from special interests which too often are counter to the interest of the majority of the citizens.

Your sincerely,

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