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I would like to voice my support for the COAL Act. I having been working to get our pension fund to divest from fossil fuel-reliant industries since I retired in 2010. Discontinuing the use of coal is a big step in the right direction. It is essential that we move more quickly to reduce our emissions. Stopping the use of coal for energy is a big step in the right direction. Not only is it a major ghg emitter but the removal of coal leaves terrible scars on the communities where it is mined. We can no longer afford to trash our environent and especially the whole planet. My father was from West Virginia and I spent much of my youth visiting relatives there. The toll on people and the environment can not be ignored. Nor can the already obvious effects on the people who work in other 'dirty' fossil fuel industries. We can and should do so much bettter at managing our environment and resources for the benefit of our present and future generations. It is inexplicable that we are still wondering whether climate change is worth trying to deal with realistically. Time is no longer on our side.