



Verizon Wireless
President and CEO
Lowell McAdam

Dear Mr. McAdam,

I've checked out the [Friends of America](#) website which lists Verizon as a sponsor of its upcoming rally. The main page has a video attacking "environmental extremists" for trying to stop coal mining by mountain top removal. The advertised speakers include a prominent global warming denier and an opponent of endangered species protection. The Center for Biological Diversity and virtually all environmental activists oppose mountaintop removal because 1) coal-fired power plants are the largest single source of U.S. and global greenhouse gas emissions, and 2) mountaintop removal lays waste to entire mountains and the streams below them which are literally buried in mining residue. Thousands of fish and other aquatic species are harmed in the process, many of them being endangered species. The rally organizers are also aggressively anti-union.

The Center for Biological Diversity is a significant Verizon wireless customer. If Verizon does not revoke its support of this rally, the Center will be forced to explain to our email list of 225,000 supporters why we are switching our service to a carrier that does not promote global warming and attack environmentalists, endangered species, and unions.

Please let me know if Verizon intends to continue supporting Massey Energy and sponsoring this rally. As I'm sure you are aware, time is of the essence.

Sincerely,

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