

Warrick County Commissioners

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Warrick County Commissioners Resolution 2016 - 07
IN SUPPORT OF S.B. 1714 ~ Miner's Protection Act of 2015,
And H.R. 2403 ~ The Coal Healthcare and Pension Protection Act of 2015

WHEREAS, thousands of retired miners, their dependents and widows live in our counties and contribute significantly to the economy of our communities; and

WHEREAS, if these retirees lose their health care and pension benefits, the economic impact on our counties will be catastrophic, especially on those who provide health care-related services such as pharmacies, clinics, therapists, doctors, nursing homes and others; and

WHEREAS, these retired miners have earned these benefits through decades of hard and dangerous work; and

WHEREAS, these benefits support our communities and help to preserve the coal industry and its contributions to the economy of our nation; and

WHEREAS, America's coal industry is facing unprecedented challenges; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1714 (the Miner's Protection Act of 2015) and House Resolution 2403 (The Coal Healthcare and Pension Protection Act of 2015) would provide an additional funding mechanism for the UMWA 1974 Pension Plan, which is in critical status and which without assistance will become insolvent; and

WHEREAS, these pieces of legislation would also ensure that retired miners would continue to receive the health care benefits they were promised in the event their employer has gone bankrupt;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warrick in the State of Indiana, by and through its Board of Commissioners, supports S.B. 1714 and H.R. 2403

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we request that Senators Joe Donnelly and Dan Coats support this legislation so critical to the economic and social fabric of our community; and

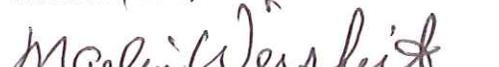
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we request that the U.S. Congressional Delegation from Indiana support H.R. 2403.

FINALLY, WE RESOLVE that we will notify the above-referenced legislators that our county passed this Resolution at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on August 8, 2016.

Warrick County Board of Commissioners


Don Williams, President


Richard A. Reid, Vice President


Marlin Weisheit, Member

ATTEST: 
Deborah K. Stevens, Auditor