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November 13, 2013

Dear Mr. Frye,

On behalf of the board of CEDAR of Virginia, Inc., I want to personally thank you for your \$5,000 contribution on behalf of the North Carolina Coal Institute. The money will help fund our annual Coal Fair by providing teacher's grants and prize money for the teachers and the students next spring. We honestly could not do what we do if not for the support you provide.

CEDAR of VA, Inc. is a 501(c) (3), non-profit organization that is devoted to coal education for children in grades K-12 within Southwest Virginia. Its mission is to educate children about the coal industry in a positive light. Southwest Virginia is located right in the heart of Central Appalachia and we are literally surrounded by coalfields. If not for the coal industry in this part of the country, thousands of families would not be able to provide livelihoods for themselves or for their children.

What CEDAR of VA, Inc. does is provide an annual Coal Fair for the students in Wise, Buchanan, Dickenson, and Russell counties in southwest Virginia. For 2013-2014, we have expanded into two more counties, Lee and Tazewell county, Virginia. The organization itself provides grant money to teachers who submit learning plans that coincide with the state of Virginia's required Strategies of Learning (S.O.L.'s), as well as prize money for the students who win in their respected categories. Last year, we had over 530 different projects submitted that covered subjects such as art, history, social studies, music, math, science and English. The Coal Fair alone including operating costs, grants and prize money total over ***\$40,000 each year.***

Each year we hold a golf outing at the prestigious Virginian Golf Club located in Bristol, VA. In 2010, we were able to raise \$22,000. For 2011, we raised over \$25,000. In 2012, we raised over \$30,000 and had a record turnout of teams! This year, our tournament rose over \$30,000 again! If you are interested in sponsoring a team next year, please let me know so that I can reserve your team's spot now as spots are limited.

Thank you again for your contribution on behalf of the North Carolina Coal Institute, Inc. and please feel free to contact me personally if you need any more information. We couldn't do it without your support.

Sincerely,

Christopher Matras
Treasurer- CEDAR of Virginia, Inc.