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Dear Ms. Bode:

Your most recent advertorial in The Hill ("When to Hold 'Em, When to Fold 'Em", Feb. 12) is highly objectionable.

First, as a diatribe against coal utilization and research, it marks a disturbing departure from the understanding we tacitly share in the energy sector to avoid denigrating competing fuels. Doing so enrages policymakers, distracts attention from our common goal of increasing supplies of every fuel to meet America's growing energy needs and invites public rebuttals from competing fuel producers. The interests of natural gas producers will not be enhanced in such an environment.

Second, your advertorial is seriously misleading. Whatever reasons may have prompted the Department of Energy to renege on its commitment to the FutureGen project, rising costs is not a compelling one. Escalating costs of manpower and materials that have affected virtually every power project over this period were easily foreseen. Much of the cost overruns would have been voluntarily absorbed by FutureGen Alliance members. To further criticize the administration for supporting an array of clean coal technology programs designed to reduce emissions from coal-based power plants that provide half

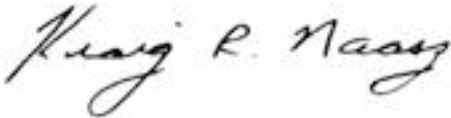
the nation's electricity is simply perverse. It further misses the point that these programs enjoy widespread congressional support because they have produced dramatic results.

Third, and perhaps most misleading, is your assertion that "natural gas is the answer." It is certainly not the answer if the question is how to lessen the nation's dependence on foreign energy or how to provide American consumers with affordable electricity.

If American Clean Skies Foundation and Chesapeake Energy persist in denigrating coal use, you should expect coal producers and our congressional allies to make every effort to correct the record that is being distorted.

I would strongly encourage you to make your case on the positive merits of your product rather than disparaging others, and invite you to contact me directly to discuss this unfortunate matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kraig R. Naasz".

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