



**Dear Governor Quinn:**

The education of our children is a sacred trust that we give to our teachers. Yet, educators in Illinois are being asked to violate that trust for the economic gain and vested interests of the coal industry.

I was appalled to learn that the State of Illinois is distributing a full teachers' curriculum that presents a one-sided, inaccurate, and willfully distorted view of coal, clearly written on behalf of the coal industry. No mention is made of the documented environmental damage and public health costs that come from mining and burning coal for electricity.

The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's Coal Curriculum is a highly biased program aimed at casting coal and coal companies in the most positive light possible and encouraging public allegiance to the coal industry, beginning with the youngest and most impressionable members of society – our children.

**Please exercise your authority as Governor to immediately halt the distribution of coal industry propaganda under the and take a stand for fact based education.**

Name	Address	City	State	Zip Code	Email and/or Phone	More *

*\*These signatures will be added to a letter requesting Gov. Quinn to halt the distribution of DCEO's coal curriculum. If you would like to hear about additional opportunities to stay engaged with this issue, mark yes here and we will send you periodic updates on our campaign for science-based energy education. Visit <http://heartlandcoalfieldalliance.org> for more.*