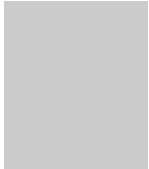
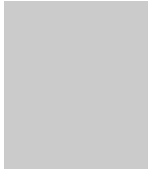


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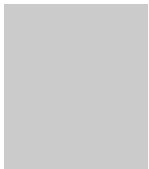
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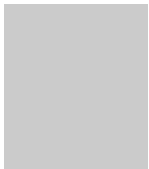
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Honest assessments of coal acknowledge its detrimental effects on our land, air and waters in Illinois and around the world. Coal’s costs to society in terms of human health and the environment are well documented and the burning of coal is one of the primary contributors to global climate change. DCEO’s coal “curriculum” makes no mention of these facts, nor that the transition to cleaner, cheaper alternatives is already underway. Today, I am calling on you to support science-based education.

Stop using taxpayer funds to underwrite the coal industry. Require the DCEO to tell the full truth about coal and support measures that will build a clean energy future for our children.

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