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Mr. Don Blankenship
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Dear Mr. Blankenship,

I am disgusted by your continued exploitation of the memory of the 29 brave miners who were killed in the Upper Big Branch disaster. Numerous investigations have detailed your company's culpability, including the MSHA report that makes clear that there were "intentional and aggressive efforts by PCC/Massey to avoid compliance with safety and health standards" and that "if basic safety measures had been in place...there would have been no loss of life at UBB." I have and will always support efforts to prosecute anyone accountable for this tragedy to the fullest extent of the law. To that end, I have forwarded your correspondence to the U.S. Attorney's office.

Sincerely,



Joe Manchin III
United States Senator