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Dear John Prinkki,

Hillary Clinton released her energy plan in Iowa today – and a big part of it depends on clean coal technologies.

Recognizing that "Coal plays a major role in America's energy mix, powering fifty percent of America's electricity generation, and we still have energy technology so we can use it cleanly. This is the message ABEC members have been sharing with elected officials and candidates at all levels. Her plan calls for speeding up research and development of carbon capture and storage technology. Her plan calls for:

- Immediate funding for 10 large scale carbon capture and storage projects
- These plants would use a range of coal types, power plant types and storage locations
- Moving quickly to develop the regulatory framework to ensure that carbon storage can be done safely and reliably.

Sen. Clinton's plan, entitled "Powering America's Future," which calls for an 80 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and prominently contains the most detailed provisions for developing clean coal technology she has issued to date. She recognizes that coal is a major source of energy in America and that we need to develop the technology so we can use it cleanly. This is the message ABEC members have been sharing with elected officials and candidates at all levels. This is an example of how we are making a difference.

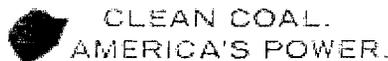
For a comparison on the energy positions of all the major candidates, please read our **October newsletter**.

Also in the news today, ABEC's Executive Director makes the point, in a letter-to-the-editor in **USA Today**, that eliminating all U.S.-based mercury emissions can solve global mercury emissions problems. Most human-caused mercury emissions come from countries like China, which doesn't have the same technology we do. This is an example of why ABEC is also calling on the presidential candidates to support a global leadership role for the United States in climate change. Further it's a reason to invest in clean coal technology so we can make it available to other nations.

We will continue to keep you updated on the presidential candidates and their commitment to America's Power.

Sincerely,

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