How the RECLAIM Act Would Impact West Virginia

The RECLAIM Act commits $1 billion to help clean up dangerous and polluting abandoned coal mines on public and private lands, which will spur immediate job creation and create the conditions for longer term, locally driven economic development efforts to build better, brighter futures in coal communities across the country. Abandoned mine sites have already been leveraged to create jobs through sustained revitalization efforts, wildlife habitat and restoration, and water quality improvement, but frequently funding is hard to come by. The RECLAIM Act would alter that landscape.

Estimated
$201 million distributed to WV over 5 years

Source: OSMRE’s E-AMLIS database.

$1.8 BILLION worth of abandoned mine liabilities in West Virginia