



*The Sheridan County Chamber is a catalyst for business prosperity and a champion for a stronger community*

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Sheridan County Planning and Zoning Commission Members  
Sheridan County Commissioners  
Attn: Mark Reid, Sheridan County Planner  
224 South Main Street  
Sheridan, WY 82801

RE: Letter of Support for Zoning Designation Application Filed by Ramaco Wyoming Coal Co., LLC

Dear Sheridan County Commissioners, Planning and Zoning Commission Members and Mr. Reid:

On behalf of the Sheridan County Chamber of Commerce, it is my pleasure to write this letter in support of the Ramaco Wyoming Coal Company's application for rezone of approximately 114 acres of land in the Acme area currently designated by the County as Agricultural to I-2 light industrial zoning, thus enabling Ramaco to use its property and invest its money to build a new high-tech carbon product research and light manufacturing center.

The Sheridan County Chamber has served as the voice of business in Sheridan County for more than 100 years and is a catalyst for business prosperity and a champion for a stronger community. The Chamber represents more than 670 member-businesses and over 10,000 jobs in Sheridan County, and we support efforts to expand Sheridan's business environment.

Growing light manufacturing and the associated employment opportunities is critical to strengthening our tax base by providing jobs for our current and future workforce. We also believe the research and development proposed at the manufacturing facility makes sense for this site in our County and capitalizes on our area's natural resources in a responsible way.

The Chamber's Business Retention & Expansion Committee, as well as our Board of Directors, had an opportunity to learn more about Ramaco's plans and the application put before Sheridan County through recent presentations to both groups. **After careful consideration, our Board of Directors voted to support Ramaco's existing application and encourages you to approve the rezoning request.** This project will strengthen the health of our community, allow one of our community's businesses to achieve its full potential, and could very well make Sheridan County a leader in the future development of carbon-related products.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
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Chief Executive Officer

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