

Andy Barr's Plan to Revive Coal Jobs and Power the Technologies of the Future



I'm fighting alongside President Trump to Make us Energy Dominant Again — and that fight starts right here in Kentucky. This week, I've released my plan to make Kentucky the center of American energy dominance, to create good-paying energy jobs throughout our Commonwealth, and to lower energy costs for all Kentuckians.

Over the last two decades, the Obama/Biden War on Kentucky Coal shut down reliable power plants, wiped out energy jobs, and pushed electricity prices higher. Those decisions hit Kentucky counties hard — raising monthly utility bills, shrinking local tax bases, and making it harder to attract employers.

By unleashing Kentucky's energy potential, we will attract high-paying jobs in new industries like Artificial Intelligence, Quantum Computing, and other advanced technologies. My plan is about getting people back to work and making energy affordable.



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President Trump said we are going to put coal miners back to work, and that's exactly what this plan aims to do. We want to secure coal's place going forward and deliver good paying Kentucky jobs for the future.”

- ANDY BARR

America's Self-Inflicted Energy Crisis:

Energy jobs have always been some of the best-paying, most dependable jobs in Kentucky.

But since 2009, because of the Obama/Biden War on Kentucky Coal:

- Kentucky lost **15,000 coal mining jobs** — about **80%** of the workforce
- The state lost **6,000 megawatts** of coal-fired power or enough power to electrify every home in Kentucky for three years.
- Hundreds of skilled workers were forced out of careers they trained for



This Is About Lower Energy Bills:

When reliable power plants are shut down, electricity gets more expensive. Kentucky families have felt it. Residential electricity rates in Kentucky have risen nearly **60%** since 2009

High energy costs hit:

- Restarting existing coal plants that were shut down by regulation
- Putting miners, plant workers, electricians, mechanics, and operators back to work
- Creating steady jobs in energy, construction, maintenance, and manufacturing

Andy Barr's plan puts reliable, 24/7 power back on the grid — the most effective way to:

- Keep electricity affordable
- Prevent blackouts
- Make Kentucky more competitive for new jobs

Lower energy costs mean more breathing room for families and stronger local economies.

My Plan Focuses On Using What Kentucky Already Has:

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These aren't short-term programs — they're long-term jobs that stay in Kentucky.

I'll Build On My Work In Congress In The Senate:

This plan isn't just talk. Andy Barr has already introduced and supported legislation to make it happen, including bills that:

- Protect reliable power plants from being shut down without considering grid reliability
- Speed up permits for power plants, transmission lines, and energy infrastructure
- Stop banks and regulators from denying financing to lawful coal and energy projects
- Use coal and coal waste to recover critical minerals needed for modern technology
- Support AI data centers and advanced manufacturing that depend on affordable, nonstop power

These bills are designed to cut red tape, unlock investment, and create jobs faster, not years down the road.

BOTTOM LINE:

Kentucky has the workers, the resources, and the infrastructure to **power America's future.**

I'm doing this to make sure Kentucky communities benefit first — **with more jobs, lower costs, and a stronger future for the next generation.**