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Concurrent Resolution 3013

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee - for the record, my name is Anna Novak, Representative for District 33. All of what we recognize as Coal Country is located within the bounds of District 33. You have before you Concurrent Resolution 3013.

My husband is a coal miner, as was my brother and so was my dad. Most everyone back home either works in the industry or in a service-related industry. The coal industry is the life-blood of my district!

You have before you House Concurrent Resolution 3013. This resolution urges the federal government to refrain from enacting policies that compromise reliable and affordable electricity for North Dakota residents. It also encourages research and development of carbon capture technologies for electricity generation sources. A version of this concurrent resolution has been introduced in the legislature for many years. It essentially reaffirms the legislature's support for the state's lignite industry because of the jobs, tax revenue, reliable and affordable electricity it provides to the great state of North Dakota. The concurrent resolution typically receives broad bipartisan support and I hope that tradition continues this session.

I want every coal miner, every power plant employee, every contractor, every supplier, every small and large business that supports the coal industry to know...that it is you that keeps the lights on. It's you that keeps the power on and the heat going in the dead of winter, and our air conditioners and refrigerators running on hot, summer days. It is you – every single one of you, and your spouses and your children – that care enough to provide power for all the rest of us to enjoy... every single day, whether it's days, nights, weekends or holidays. Thank you! This resolution is for all of you.

With that, I urge a Do Pass vote on Concurrent Resolution 3013 and will stand for any questions.