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Good morning, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee.

For the record, my name is Anna Novak, representative from District 33, which encompasses all of coal country.

House Concurrent Resolution 3015 is about one simple but urgent truth: our electric grid is at risk. Across the country, we are seeing a dangerous trend—reliable, baseload power sources like coal are being forced out, while intermittent energy sources struggle to fill the gap. The result is a grid that is increasingly fragile, unable to guarantee power when people need it most.

Ensuring the reliability of electricity and protecting the baseload powerplants in ND are some of the main reasons I ran for office a little over two years ago. North Dakota is a state that has extreme heat and extreme cold conditions. Blackout conditions could be deadly.

Coal plants are the backbone of grid stability. They provide 24/7 power, keeping homes warm in the winter and businesses running year-round. Yet federal regulations and market distortions are pushing them toward premature retirement, threatening the energy security of millions. The warnings from experts are clear—without action, we will face power shortages, price spikes, and grid failures. This resolution sends a message: North Dakota values reliability, and we will fight to keep the lights on. I hope you'll support grid reliability and support this resolution.

With that, Mr. Chairman, I'll stand for any questions. Thank you.