Written testimony on House Concurrent Resolution 3027

Chairman Porter and Energy and Natural Resources Committee Members

My name is Kevin Herrmann from Beulah, ND. I am a lifelong citizen of North Dakota.

I am opposed to House Concurrent Resolution 3027.

In March of 2021, I will be working at a coal fired power plant for 37 years. In the last few years, there has been the abundant of cheap natural gas because of all the drilling and fracturing of oil which extracts natural gas. The coal fired power plants are getting hurt either by running at minimum loads or shut down due to economic reasons depending on load and price per megawatt. Natural gas is getting close to being the biggest enemy of coal fired power plants.

The sponsors of this House Concurrent Resolution 3027 do not work coal fired power plant industry or the rest of the legislative assembly.

The sponsors of this resolution want more drilling so that more natural gas get on the market which will lower the price of natural gas even more which will shut down the coal fired power plants sooner.

The coal fired power plants industry need no more drilling so that natural gas prices go up very high in order to save the coal fired power plants in North Dakota.

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