

My name is Wyatt Christensen. I am a student at University of Wyoming. I am a fifth-generation Wyomingite, and I'm a concerned citizen. I choose not to live in darkness, oppression, or fear. That is why I am so grateful that I was blessed to be born and raised in the United States of America. The foundations of our country were built upon giving the people, giving us the opportunity and the rights to provide and fight for our families. I recently returned from a two-year mission. I was in Ireland. I loved the country. But one thing I noticed is many of the homes that I was in, people didn't have their lights on during the daytime. Sometimes it was light enough, but a lot of times it was raining. So it would be kind of dark and cold because people didn't want to pay for electricity. And that's one thing that I fear. If coal is pushed out of the picture, I'm afraid people will be afraid to use energy. People will be worried about the price that is required both financially and also other ways. Today families all over the nation are being bound by federal regulations. Regulations that apply to coal and Wyoming today are not meant to help the American family. They are meant to kill the coal industry. The foundation that this country was built on to make it so that I can provide for my future family and for my dad, who spoke earlier, to provide for us, that's not what these regulations are for. These regulations are meant to kill, and so in turn, they will force American families to search for other means and to sacrifice to find means to survive. I have nothing against improving and using alternative energy sources, but if we choke coal out of the picture, our future for continued progress at the rate we have experienced is hopeless. Should we not continue to use and improve our production of clean coal which we have fought for, which we have seen such great progress and growth in? Yes, we should. We must continue to move forward always becoming better and smarter with what we do. If we pull the legs for coal, then the table will fall. Let us do things for the right reasons. This is not about money or power for us, and it should not be about money and power for our government. This is about families. This is about the very people that our founding fathers and so many of others worked, fought, and even died for. Remember that and then live to accomplish the dream that our fathers and we have for our families and future

children. We must do the right things because they are right.
Then we cannot go wrong. Thank you.