

Hello. I'm Roy Edwards, State Representative, House District 53 in the center of Gillette. I was raised in Campbell County. My dad was raised in Campbell County. My grandpa moved here to Campbell County as a homesteader. I'm here to represent myself, my family, and the residents of Gillette, Campbell County, Wyoming, and a lot of annoying people in the United States, who are going to be affected by what's coming at them through the regulations and the taxes that are being proposed by the Department of Interior. We need to make sure that the taxes that we have are fair. The energy industry and what they call the green energy is subsidized by the United States government. When I was a little child, I grew up on the ranch that all we had for electricity was wind power. And when the sun went down, the lights went out. We had to have the power from the batteries to keep the refrigerator and the freezer working to keep the food cool and froze the way it was supposed to be. If we ran out of power, we'd lose our food. So we had to shut it off. We didn't have a TV. We didn't have all those luxuries every home in the United States practically has today. We couldn't afford to have that because of the electricity. Wind generation, the only way it works is if you have a battery. The United States doesn't have a bunch of batteries to store the electricity. It has to have a base power which is made up of coal. Coal is the only way that we will have a base power that would be able to keep the lights on in America 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 or -6 days a year, depending whether we're in a leap year or not. We must have a reliable source of power. Green energy is not that. Green energy, as they just asked in a study that is being done for new wind generation, they want to be able to kill 11 eagles a year. If a coal mine does that, they will be put in prison or fined an exorbitant amount of money because of killing 1 eagle not 11 a year. The solar power kills a lot of birds and insects. Those that talked about the environment, they don't take a very good look at the alternative energies that they call green energy. The coal may be mining an area for a few years, but they won't be there for centuries. They will reclaim the land in a few years, not like the green energies which could be there forever blighting the country. We have a country that is based off of free-market enterprise. Only the federal government is subsidizing one side to make winners and losers. The United States government needs to be

out of the winners-and-losers business and let us as people make our own choice. (Applause.) If you like the way things are done with the regulatory government, move to Venezuela and enjoy the brownouts and blackouts. Thank you.