

My name is Rod Mathis. I'm from Gillette. My kids were born in Wyoming. I have S&R Construction and (inaudible) Electric in Gillette and can attest to the effect of what's happened with our local coal miners. I have family that's laid off. This goes, an example is we had -- I called my uncle in Spearfish, and he said that there was an open position for a city job at Spearfish, South Dakota -- about 3,400, 4,500 people -- and there was approximately 400 people that applied for that job. So where are these people coming from? There's people even from Spearfish that work in the mines over here as far as Newcastle. This is going to go a lot further than anybody thinks. One of the -- sorry. I made way too many notes, too much time to think. I believe we should have regulation to keep everything in order, but too much regulation is insane. And to subsidize, I'm an electrician by trade for the last 30 years, and to see solar and wind trying to be the same as coal is an impossibility. It can't happen. Their technology is not that advanced. I'd love to see things happen in that in the future, but to subsidize that at this point is ludicrous. An example is putting corn liquor in your tank. The only way you got to get it in there is you mandate it. The market wouldn't take it. So you create a new industry, and you subsidize in order to create it. It just doesn't work. So then you have to keep subsidizing it until it either gets better or you die. I'd just like to thank all the people out there that really need these jobs and then thank you to all the coal miners because, without the coal miners, you know, everything is wired, and we can't sell our American made products in Gillette because nobody's got the money to do it.