

My name is Shawna Puntenev. My family has been in Wyoming for five generations. Walt Puntenev ran with the Hole in the Wall Gang. So we're a family of renegades here. We've been in the coal, oil, and gas industry in many different capacities for as long as I can remember. We've been very lucky in that, during busts over different sectors, we've still been able to thrive. But today that's not the case, and thousands of families are suffering as a result, my family being one of them. I want to pose a question. If bankrupting businesses and families through regulation after regulation is what our administration really wants, how is it moral to bankrupt companies and leave so many families without a way to move forward? Fossil fuels compromise 80 percent of the world's energy use. Our industries are the cleanest in the world and have allowed all of us to live better and longer lives. I don't understand why wind energy is not held to the same standard as ours. I recently heard and read that exemptions will be made for the wind industry killing thousands of birds, not 11 as was stated earlier, but 4,200. This is hypocrisy at its finest. For many of you who leave Wyoming and go back to your homes, you will buy cheap and reliable energy. Wyoming families like mine are left here with not really knowing what we're going to do and how we're going to move forward. My husband is a chemical engineer with 28 years of experience and has not been able to secure employment in his industry as a result of the layoffs that have been because of this Clean Power Plan. And our family is struggling because of it. This isn't just going to be about my family, but it's going to be about thousands of others, and it will continue to spread beyond the borders of Wyoming. And I would ask that you share that with your administration in whatever power that you have to help the people in Wyoming and people across the United States because this won't stop, I promise you. Thank you.