

Thank you. My name is Pat Sweeney. I'm a businessman and hospitality and tourism person here in Casper, having owned and sold recently the largest hotel and convention center in the state, employed at that time, some 240 people. On behalf of those 240 employees, I would deeply like to thank the coal industry because to think that coal is not a good neighbor is ridiculous. And I speak to you because you're not aware that this building houses the state's culminating high school events, which is tourism. But without the coal mines, a lot of those events wouldn't take place. We wouldn't have this facility. They are a great neighbors. Somebody earlier, one of the environmental groups, stated that coal mines were bad for tourism because they're an eyesore. That's absolute nonsense. You hear time and time again with coal mines that are right along I-90, goes right through the middle of it, people love it, tourists. They can actually say when they're leaving Devil's Tower and heading to Yellowstone, "We saw a coal mine." On the other hand, one of the subsidized industries wind turbines, which I'm not disputing down the line may be viable, but going to a funeral in Laramie driving across the Shirley Basin, I don't consider that a very good view-shed in comparison to an operating coal mine. They've also said that - - the other side has said that we need to adapt, we need to transition fairly and justly. Transition to what? I mean, we in Wyoming, the coal industry has built this nation. We have clean coal, clean energy. This nonsense, we also produce a ton of the natural gas for the country. I support oil and natural gas, but our natural gas is being misdirected, misused, and the gentleman who earlier who spoke about the cost, I predict it will cost four times the money in the near future for natural gas. What happens to those electric power generation plants that transition to that. I'll leave you with two thoughts. We'll swap you. If I had the power, we would swap you the Powder River Basin for control in Wyoming for the land in front of the Tetons that we're trying to sell to the federal government, and I would venture to say we would also give you a royalty instead of you giving us a bunch of grief. Lastly, I would like to suggest and have suggested before that I think Wyoming should get together with the coal mines and should boycott shipping and we will pay the coal mines not to ship for a month, brownout the majority of the country until

the shock and awe of that all comes down, and then we'll see where the regulations end up. Thank you.