

Good afternoon. My name is Audrey Wagner. I live in Billings, Montana in the south side, 310 35th. I work as a substitute teacher for school district number two. I want to thank you for being here. This is not easy. Good luck with your decisions that you're going to have to make. The outdated federal coal program is in need of significant reform, but that is then, and this is now. We can rail against change. We can reminisce what life used to be like. We can try to go back to what we know and what is comfortable, but what are we going to do now? Today our energy challenges and our sources of domestic power are very different from what they have been. How are we going to take care of our people in the changes and the decisions that you are hearing about this today? The Bureau of Land Management must update the program to ensure a fair return to the American public. I have to give credit to Secretary Sally Jewell for directing that the Bureau of Land Management should issue guidance clarifying that exchanges should also protect private service owners. Therefore, I am implore you to consider what will bring us, the United States, the world even, the greatest good for the greatest number of our people. And now, I've got a minute left. I will depart from my written remarks. The governor threw down a gauntlet to us, and I pick that gauntlet up and say, respectfully, suggest that he not -- that he not put all his eggs in one basket. I thank you for your time.