SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES
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My name is Wade Sikorski. My family has operated a ranch in Fallon County ~~[illegible]~~ for 5 generations now. I have a Ph.D. in political science, and for decades I have become increasingly alarmed about the effects of global warming. We ~~[illegible]~~ need to ~~[illegible]~~ start doing something to prevent the worst from happening. If we are going to develop Montana's vast coal resources, we must, we simply must, find away to safely sequester the carbon dioxide that would be released. ~~[illegible]~~

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Governor Schweitzer and others have been talking about how Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle plant could be designed to sequester carbon dioxide.

This bill would help Industy develop plans for building these plants by giving them the regulatory framework to understand how it would be held accountable for sequestering carbon dioxide.

According to the EPA average annual rainfall has declined in southeastern Montana by 20% over the last century. If things continue as they have been, some models say that rainfall could fall by 50% in southeastern Montana in several decades. This would be a disaster for my family's ranch. If we are going to prevent this from happening we must begin sequestering carbon dioxide now. Please support this bill.