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For too long coal has been under attack as an obsolete, dirty form of electric power generation. Claims from the obstructionists include downplaying the actual skilled jobs numbers and its beneficial impact on the Montana and US economies. This impact is in the form of all sorts of revenue and large numbers of very good paying (with benefits and retirement) jobs! Jobs that employ skilled Blue Collar Trades people as well as White Collar positions! This state and our nation as a whole are examples of why we need these kinds of jobs: They are sustainable, high paying (Montana currently is 47th lowest per capita wages in the country, the decline in wages is mirrored in our states move away from Natural Resource development and use) jobs that can/are filled with employees that can excel in apprenticeship programs without a college education. High school dropout rates are a real concern. These types of jobs are one path to employment for those that don't fit the college model.

Education is chronically underfunded. Teachers and Public Employee pensions have huge unfunded liabilities. Many of our teachers and public employees are underpaid and have not received negotiated and deserved raises for years. Current revenue sources are tapped out, and frankly need relief (property taxes). Teachers and Public Employees are focusing on natural resource money as a way out of their problems. I support using Natural Resource (coal, oil gas) money for these purposes with some reservations. This resolution needs the full support of MEA-MFT, Eric Feaver, Superintendent of Public Instruction Denise Juneau and the Public Employees unions. Superintendent Juneau voted against the Otter Creek leases, now she wants that revenue. Eric has never "stood in the way of coal". Now I expect all of them to actively promote the Coal industry. A busload of students from Missoula area traveled to Helena to testify at the Otter Creek hearings on taxpayer money. Their testimony included tears and how the lease would devastate their lives. Among their false claims, was the need to wear respirators in Colstrip. Teachers need to realize there are other occupations besides theirs and all rely on each other.

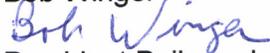
Finally, I represent real environmentalists, whom offer real employment and real solutions. Coal's history is filled with real pollution problems. Admittedly in most cases the industry was forced to solve these problems through regulation. These real solutions, invented with American ingenuity (possible because of good educational system), came from an industry that made good profits. Technology to produce clean coal electricity (everything except CO2) exists and with the proper case by case timetable can be affordable. However current policy to bankrupt coal actually will prolong CO2's effects, remember a profitable coal industry has incentive to meet regulations. This resolution is a step in recognizing that coal is here to stay as a fuel. That it provides good revenue and quality jobs that will keep our youth here. That revenue and an industry that can be profitable because it is embraced are the pathway to solving the CO2 emissions that plague the GLOBE. Climate change is global. Stopping coal fired electricity in the US actually removes the incentive to unleash our ingenuity, which can be given to the rest of the world. This country needs cheap electricity to regain our manufacturing, and for consumers to participate in the economy. Montana is the Saudi Arabia of coal. The feel good renewables, by all estimates will never hit over 8% of electric generation. Natural gas produces at least 50 to 70% of the CO2 produced by older less efficient coal boilers, so that is not the solution to remove all manmade CO2. It only

makes sense to embrace our coal and lead the world in affordable technology to remove the CO2 and ease climate change. Actually use our brightest minds and create millions of jobs!

In the interim, build a new generation of ultra-critical boilers that reduce the CO2 by 30% through efficiency. These plants remove all of the NOX, SO2, mercury and other heavy metals, and particulates. Once you get a clean flue gas stream you have the basis to remove the CO2.

Mr. Chairman, thank you for the opportunity to testify today. Thank you to Representative McNiven for introducing this resolution.

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