



## SEVEN reasons to VOTE AGAINST resolution SEVEN

- 1. Fight Against Environmental Extremists:** Dakota Resource Council and their liberal climate agenda have historically aligned with political forces to target North Dakota coal power plants and mines. This resolution aligns with the DRC's efforts to shut down the fossil fuel industry.
- 2. Protecting Land Owners:** The coal industry has a 50+ year history of ensuring partnerships with landowners that includes compensation for the value they provide. This legacy will continue with carbon capture.
- 3. North Dakota Under Attack by EPA:** North Dakota is one of four states that has never violated the EPA rules on ambient air pollution, and the coal industry has played a crucial role in that success. Regulatory threats predominantly focus on carbon dioxide emissions from coal power plants, neglecting the broader economic impacts and potential solutions. Carbon capture is a key strategy in protecting coal from federal overreach and maintaining grid reliability.
- 4. Industry Challenges:** The resolution ignores the coal industry's legal challenges that we have been working on for decades. The coal industry supports North Dakota's local workforce and strong communities.
- 5. Political Bias:** Carbon capture isn't the same as the Green New Deal that wants to end coal. Carbon capture creates economic opportunities and protects critical infrastructure ensuring North Dakota is in charge of its own future.
- 6. Decades of Effort:** Over the past 25 years, North Dakota's coal industry has fiercely advocated for carbon capture legislation and regulations. This underscores our commitment to sustainability and preserving our way of life, ensuring long-term success through enhanced industry practices.
- 7. Economic Benefits:** Carbon capture technology reduces emissions and creates a revenue stream for power plants by repurposing CO<sub>2</sub>. This offers a solution that benefits both industry and the environment by creating a carbon dioxide market that produces goods and services for the North Dakota economy.



# Support North Dakota's coal industry and vote against Resolution 7:

**Economic Contribution:** North Dakota's lignite coal industry is a vital contributor to the state's economy, supporting more than 12,000 direct and indirect jobs. Coal generates significant revenue, including \$5.75 billion in economic impact and \$104 million in state and local tax revenue. Protecting this industry is essential for sustaining economic growth and stability in the state.

**Job Creation:** Embracing carbon capture technology for coal will not only safeguard existing jobs in the coal industry but also create new opportunities for employment, fostering continued economic prosperity in North Dakota.

**Revenue Generation:** Implementing carbon capture technology presents a substantial opportunity to generate additional economic growth. These funds can be utilized to enhance various public services, including: education, infrastructure maintenance, and healthcare, benefiting the entire state.

**Enhanced Oil Recovery:** Captured carbon dioxide from coal plants can be utilized in the Bakken for enhanced oil recovery, unlocking billions of barrels of otherwise inaccessible oil reserves. This process not only supports the oil industry but also generates significant future tax revenue for the state and local governments. Estimates from Department of Mineral Resources project additional production worth nearly \$700 billion with \$70 billion in tax revenue for the state.

**Proven Infrastructure:** Carbon dioxide pipelines and sequestration/EOR projects have successfully operated in the United States for over three decades, demonstrating a track record of safety and reliability. Utilizing existing infrastructure ensures the efficient and secure transport of carbon dioxide for enhanced oil recovery projects.

**Collaboration with Experts:** The coal industry in North Dakota is actively collaborating with leading scientists at institutions like the Energy and Environmental Research Center at the University of North Dakota to ensure the responsible and safe implementation of carbon capture technology. This partnership underscores a commitment to environmental stewardship and innovation.

**Supporting North Dakota's coal industry and rejecting Resolution 7 is a strategic decision that prioritizes economic prosperity, job creation, and environmental sustainability for the benefit of the state and its residents.**