

Taylor Holter
Butte Central

Concerned Montana Citizens For Coal Power

I represent the concerned citizens that support the use of coal power in Montana. We support the use of coal power for more reliable power and to save money to further research for safe and healthy power that will aid future generations.

Montana uses wind power as a source of power, but it is not always reliable because Montana's weather is unpredictable. Wind power is only available 30% of the time, and there must be wind for power to be available. Wind power requires a lot of maintenance, which costs money that we could be saving for research towards other means of power.

If Montana needs new wind power then new generators need to be built, whereas coal power plants already exist. Wind power generators are highly susceptible to cold weather therefore our weather in Montana affects the power we get. People believe that coal power is "dirty" when in reality it really is not there are advances everyday in "clean coal energy."

We could save money for coal power but not wasting money on new wind power generators. We could get people from certain organizations to help fund this idea. The Department of Energy recently announced that they were going to make a \$93 million stimulus package for more wind power. This money could be used for research towards a more efficient means of power.

I am proud to support legislation that makes coal, Montana's main source of power.

This document is in compliance with the Montana YMCA Youth Legislature Lobbyist Disclosure Policy.