



2021 South Dakota Legislature

House Concurrent Resolution 6010

Introduced by: **Representative Gosch**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Calling on President Joe Biden and the United States**
2 **Congress to prevent the enactment of energy policies that negatively impact**
3 **the State of South Dakota.**

4 WHEREAS, the United States should pursue a national energy strategy that prioritizes the
5 immediate and future energy needs of its citizens; and

6 WHEREAS, fossil fuels provide reliable and affordable energy to hundreds of millions of
7 Americans and will continue to play a critical role in meeting our future energy needs; and

8 WHEREAS, fossil fuels are essential to the well-being of South Dakotans, providing heat
9 and air conditioning for our homes, powering our businesses, fueling our transportation,
10 providing jobs, and feeding our families; and

11 WHEREAS, recent technological innovations have allowed the United States to become the
12 leading producer of oil and gas in the world, and a net exporter of oil for the first time in
13 decades, thereby significantly reducing our dependence on foreign energy; and

14 WHEREAS, energy security is essential to national security; and

15 WHEREAS, energy policies that prioritize unreliable, politically favored industries have led
16 to higher energy prices and rolling blackouts in states like California; and

17 WHEREAS, recent extreme weather events in South Dakota and across the nation have
18 highlighted the importance of a reliable electrical grid for the health and safety of Americans,
19 and the need to further develop our domestic fossil fuel resources; and

20 WHEREAS, the Biden Administration has enacted policies that threaten energy security,
21 including Executive Order 14008, which bans new oil and gas development on federal lands
22 and waters, and Executive Order 13990, which cancels the Keystone XL Pipeline project; and

1 WHEREAS, these policies threaten to create energy bottlenecks, raise energy prices for all
2 consumers, eliminate jobs, reduce the integrity and reliability of our electrical grid, and will
3 make the United States more dependent on foreign energy:

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Sixth
5 Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature
6 of the State of South Dakota hereby urges President Joe Biden the and the United States
7 Congress to pursue energy policies that ensure Americans have continued access to reliable
8 and affordable energy, including fossil fuels; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature urges President Joe Biden and Congress
10 to stop enacting policies that prioritize unreliable, politically favored energy sources at the
11 expense of fossil fuels; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature urges President Joe Biden to revoke
13 Executive Order 14008 and Executive Order 13990; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature encourages President Joe Biden and
15 Congress to promote the responsible development of our domestic fossil fuel resources, and
16 to work with states and the private sector to develop energy policies based on consensus and
17 cooperation.