

Gary Meyer, Hartford,SD, strongly opposes SJR5001. This is merely a power play to silence the grass roots efforts to be able to have a say in who is appointed to these positions. It is clearly obvious that the bill sponsors are using this bill to silence the republican committee men and women. It allows big money and big donors to control who gets elected and it destroys the purpose for the republican convention. It is a carry over from SB40 by the people in power who want to STAY in power. Dirty politics at its finest! We ARE watching

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Written Testimony:

McPherson County Republicans STRONGLY OPPOSE HJR5001.

This resolution would destroy the Republican Party in South Dakota and silence any grassroots voice and participation.

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I oppose House Bill 1071 for the following reasons:

- It cost Wyoming at least \$1.4 million to take over regulating uranium mining and milling. With recent inflation, it would cost more. Taxpayers should not be stuck with this expense.
- This bill would take power from the Legislature.
- Uranium mining and milling have contaminated water in the state already. We should not encourage more contamination.
- This type of agreement shuts out tribal governments and much of the public.
- The State proved unable to regulate a gold mine in the past, and authority was returned to the federal government. Regulating uranium is more complicated because of the high radioactivity.

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Please vote **NO** on **HB 1071**. There are many reasons this bill should not go through for the welfare of your constituents including costing the SD taxpayers millions of dollars we don't have (WY spent 1.4 million) and create an atmosphere where the power of the legislature would be taken away.

I am very concerned that **HB 1071** would give the Governor the power to make agreements with the federal government to extend state authority over uranium mining and milling. An agreement under this bill would eliminate the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for uranium mining and milling. This would shut tribal governments and the public out of the permitting process.

Regulating uranium and the mining/milling process is more complicated than other mining practices because of the high radioactivity in the air, soil and water. As a resident of western Custer County, I am very concerned about my family's health with regard to radiation poisoning.

Thank you for hearing my concerns. I again urge you to vote NO for **HB 1071**

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