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To: House State Affairs <housestateaffairs@sdlegislature.gov>
Subject: [EXT]: HB 1071

Good Morning,

I am writing to the committee with concerns regarding the above bill, HB 1071. Please vote against this bill as it could open the door to uranium mining, storage for nuclear waste and more all without sufficient regulation. This bill would eliminate the National Environmental Policy Act process for permitting uranium mining and milling; this bill would shut tribal governments out of the permitting process and limit citizens' opportunities to oppose such projects. In addition, this bill centralizes decision making in the hands of the governor which is totally inappropriate.

Please vote to oppose this bill. Thank you for your consideration.

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We are asking you to vote No on HB1071. My research suggests it is bad legislative and fiscal policy to shift this responsibility from the federal government to the state. The federal government has the best resources and expertise to manage this process. And this bill would marginalize many South Dakota Residents. To quote a part of the information I have received:

"HB 1071 would let the Governor 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 out of the permitting process by eliminating requirements for tribal consultation. The public's ability to oppose uranium projects would also shrink."

Please vote No or send this to the 41st Day.

Thank You,

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