

5. Resolution on Energy Freedom for America – Rep. Anna Novak, D33

WHEREAS: Affordable, reliable energy is essential to North Dakota, America and to human prosperity because it gives us the ability to use machines to become productive and prosperous, and

WHEREAS: American energy leads to a better economy, a lower cost of living, more well-paid job opportunities, a smaller deficit, and greater national security; and

WHEREAS: Fossil fuels are, and for the foreseeable future will remain the most affordable, reliable, scalable, and secure source of energy—the only source that can provide plentiful energy to billions of people in thousands of places, and

WHEREAS: Energy poverty is a crucial problem at home and abroad, affecting tens of millions of Americans and billions worldwide, including the three billion individuals who survive daily on less electricity than a household refrigerator, and

WHEREAS: North Dakota, America and the world require an energy policy that ensures plenty of fossil fuel energy to maintain a reliable power grid, particularly during adverse weather events when intermittent energy sources are not reliable, and

WHEREAS: America can enrich itself and empower billions of people with policies that free human ingenuity to produce energy in as low-cost, reliable, plentiful, clean, and safe a way as possible, and

WHEREAS: The fossil fuel industry contributes over 54 percent of North Dakota's state tax revenue, funding education, health and human services, infrastructure, and the majority of our citizens' critical needs, and

WHEREAS: The fossil fuel industry employs over 61,000 North Dakotans, and

WHEREAS: The Biden administration has restricted investment, production, and transport of American fossil fuels on the false promise that they can be replaced by solar and wind; has shut down reliable power plants and created unprecedented electricity shortages; has sought to excuse their policies from fault by blaming price spikes on "Putin's price hike," post-COVID demand, or the supposed greed of oil companies, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The North Dakota Republican Party urges the United States Congress and the White House to take the following steps to promote American prosperity, increase energy security, improve our environment, and enhance the well-being of billions around the world through energy freedom: (1) Liberate responsible development of domestic energy resources; (2) End preferences for unreliable electricity; (3) Reform air and water emissions standards to incorporate realistic cost-benefit analysis; (4) Withdraw from climate agreements that punish America instead of fostering innovation, and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The North Dakota Republican Party urges the North Dakota Legislature, the United States Congress, and the White House to advance energy freedom policies that liberate American energy for the benefit of all.