

# Senator Thune:

Thank You for Your Recent Vote to *Protect* South Dakota's and America's Working Families from Energy Tax Hikes.



Right now, we're all feeling the impact of higher energy costs.

South Dakota's families are tightening their budgets — cutting back on groceries, skipping summer vacations, and even setting aside less for college or retirement. These are real sacrifices everyday folks are enduring to make ends meet.

Thank goodness Senator John Thune recognized that the *last thing* we need are even *higher* energy prices. He voted to protect South Dakota's working families from the *devastating* impact of new energy taxes.

Earlier this month, some in Congress pushed legislation, S. 3044, to raise taxes on American energy. But Senator Thune voted to *stop* those tax hikes, which would have virtually *guaranteed* higher energy prices for all of us — threatening our fragile economy and requiring families to stretch their finances even further.

Raising taxes on American energy companies means:

- Energy prices — like heating and cooling costs and *especially* the price you pay at the pump — will jump even higher than they already are.<sup>1</sup>
- Domestic oil and gas production will be discouraged — increasing our reliance on foreign oil producers, even as Congress says we should be trying to use less foreign oil.
- U.S. energy companies will be less competitive — since these new taxes place burdens only on American companies and give advantages to foreign companies.
- Costs for everything will go up, along with \$1 Trillion in lost economic output and the loss of 5 million American jobs.

But this one vote is just the *start*. Some members of congress will tirelessly push for higher energy taxes. And that means Senator Thune needs to *continue* protecting our families, as he shows true leadership in the fight against new, unfair taxes. South Dakotas's taxpayers sacrifice enough *already*.

**Thank Senator Thune for  
Voting *Against* New Energy Taxes in S.3044 and Voting *For* South Dakota's Working Families.  
Call (202) 224-2321 Today.**



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<sup>1</sup> Energy Bill Study, CRA International, 2007