



PROMOTING ALL-OF-THE-ABOVE ENERGY SOLUTIONS

South Dakota Energy Exceeded 80 Percent Renewable Generation in 2020.

Highlights of Sen. Thune's leadership for energy diversity

Advancing Wind Energy:

- Sen. Thune was an [early advocate](#) of wind energy, helping to secure a five-year tax credit in 2015 to provide long-term certainty to the industry.
- Sen. Thune later co-led an effort to extend safe harbor provisions for wind development tax credits to [insulate the industry from labor shortages and supply chain challenges](#) caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- As a result of his efforts, the wind industry had record-setting quarters in 2020 and 2021, and Sen. Thune was recognized as a [wind champion](#) by the wind industry.
- Wind energy now contributes to roughly one-third of South Dakota's electricity generation, helping power the state's total electric generation to [more than double](#) over Sen. Thune's time in the Senate.

Supporting American Energy Independence:

- Sen. Thune long-supported the Keystone XL pipeline, [leading efforts to save the project](#) up until it was cancelled by President Biden on his first day in office.
- Sen. Thune [stands up for American consumers](#) in opposing burdensome energy mandates that are part and parcel of the Green New Deal, instead of supporting investments in American energy to deliver affordable and reliable energy to consumers and growing good-paying jobs for the American worker, all while lowering emissions.
- Federal regulations [stifle the responsible development of America's abundant energy](#) resources, [driving up the high energy prices](#) that underpin inflation and leave the United States more dependent on foreign sources of energy.

Homegrown Energy:

- Sen. Thune continues to champion biofuels, [leading efforts](#) to promote biofuels as a key solution for America's energy.
- Introduced [legislation](#) to underscore the benefits of biofuels, [promote advanced biofuels](#), and [incentivize higher blends](#), like E15.