

Dear Secretary Zinke - **I oppose any action taken by the Bureau of Land Management to weaken, delay, or rewrite its methane rule.** These are moral and ethical actions harm American taxpayers, our environment, and our children's health. Each year oil and gas companies in New Mexico - where I live - waste \$100 million-worth of natural gas through the harmful practices of venting and flaring, as well as leaks. New Mexicans have lost \$42 million in royalties since 2009 because of wasted natural gas from unregulated venting and flaring. Instead of letting our valuable natural resources go up in flames, taxpayer revenue generated from captured methane should be returned to our communities, in the form of funding for infrastructure projects, school improvements, local hospitals, and conservation efforts. Additionally venting, flaring, and leaking natural gas spews toxic pollution into the air—polluting the air our children breathe and causing rates of asthma attacks in children to increase. Over 74,000 people live within a half-mile of an oil or gas facility on federal public lands. Please protect our families, communities and state an implement your agency's methane rules immediately.

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