

March 7, 2017

United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

RE: BLM Methane and Waste Prevention Rule

Dear Members of the United States Senate,

We write to you today regarding the BLM Methane and Waste Prevention Rule. As executives in the outdoor recreation industry we approach this issue from both the business and the environmental perspective.

Our companies are part of the \$646 billion outdoor industry and we are bringing jobs to communities across the country in many ways. Recreation visitors bring needed dollars to cities and towns that have recreation assets like rivers, trails, and other outdoor spaces where fishing, hunting, boating, hiking, biking, climbing and a long list of other outdoor activities take place. Second, companies like ours, both large and small, are choosing to locate in these communities because our employees want to live in places with access to the great outdoors.

Across the country, communities that have previously depended upon resource extraction have begun to diversify into recreation and it is regulations like the Methane Rule that make this possible. By implementing best practices and using newly developed technologies we can:

- Improve air quality in oil fields across the country
- Create jobs that can never be exported overseas
- Bring needed royalty revenue to county budgets
- Support the growing recreation industry

Across the country we are seeing that healthy public lands lead to healthy economies. We would like to join our voices to those in the oil and gas industry that support the Methane Rule. The companies that have developed improved ways to trap fugitive emissions during both drilling and the life of the well pad have earned our support and we believe they should have yours as well.

We trust you will agree with us that missing this opportunity to create jobs and saddling oil and gas communities with old technology that prohibits them from diversifying their economies would a bad business decision.

We look forward to seeing your vote AGAINST the Congressional Review Act for the Bureau of Land Management Methane and Waste Prevention Rule.

Sincerely,



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