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Greetings from Lander!!

Firstly, please know that I value the organization and work the Wyoming DEQ and it's efforts to develop new rules under Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations in order to reduce harmful methane emissions from oil and gas operations.

Please consider the following...

Methane emissions are a large contributor to climate change and are responsible for at least 25% of the warming the earth is experiencing.

These new regulations will promote cost-effective technologies to prevent waste, making natural gas more economically competitive as consumers demand cleaner energy sources.

Processes for capturing methane are very cost effective. Recent data from the International Energy Agency suggest that up to 45% of wasted methane emissions can be prevented at no net cost.

Being raised in Lander, currently living in Lander, and working across the state... I have a deep love and appreciation for all the elements of our wild and beloved spaces and places. Care for our people, care for our culture, and care for our environment our top priorities for me... air quality is certainly a piece of that. Developing new rules under Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations in order to reduce harmful methane emissions from oil and gas operations will be a step in the right direction regarding the care, health, welfare, and well-being of our beloved residents, visitors, wildlife, and environment.

Thank you for welcoming and receiving comments... and thank you, most of all, to the people of the Wyoming DEQ for your assiduous work and your care on our behalf.

Warm regards,

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