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Good Morning,

I'm writing on behalf of the Jackson Hole Climate Action Collective to support Wyoming DEQ's efforts to decrease methane emissions. Not only is methane responsible for 25% of global warming, but it is also a harmful pollutant. Recent studies have found that the US oil and gas industry is emitting at least 13 million tons of methane a year, enough gas to fuel 10 million homes. This is absolutely unacceptable. Methane is a valuable resource and must not be wasted. Companies involved in oil and gas extraction should pay royalties on all the gas they extract, not just the gas they sell. We appreciate the DEQ's efforts to reign in methane flaring and leaks. Thank you for all you do,

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