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To the Wyoming DEQ Air Quality Division,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed regulations aimed at reducing methane emissions from oil and gas operations in Wyoming. These regulations are a vital step forward for Wyoming's Air Quality Standards and Regulations, and I commend the DEQ for its leadership in addressing this critical issue.

Methane is a major contributor to climate change, responsible for a quarter or more of the global warming we are currently experiencing. By reducing methane emissions, Wyoming can play a significant role in mitigating climate change impacts while simultaneously benefiting its taxpayers and building on the state's existing efforts to reduce harmful pollutants.

The proposed regulations will also help Wyoming stay economically competitive as consumer demand shifts toward cleaner energy. Cost-effective technologies to capture methane not only prevent waste but also make natural gas a more sustainable energy source. According to recent data from the International Energy Agency, almost half of methane emissions can be prevented at no net cost, underscoring the financial viability of these measures.

Moreover, these regulations will help reduce volatile organic compounds, which contribute to poor air quality and respiratory damage. By improving air quality and reducing these pollutants, the new rules will promote both environmental and public health.

I would like to thank Wyoming DEQ's Air Quality Division for considering my comments and for your continued efforts to protect our environment and public health through sensible, forward-thinking regulations.

Sincerely,
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