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As a lifelong Wyomingite, I know firsthand how important it is for us to strike the right balance between environmental stewardship and the continued success of our energy sector, which is vital to our state's economy.

The responsible development of our natural resources has always been a core Wyoming value. We know that waste—whether it's methane or any other valuable resource—hurts both our environment and our bottom line. That's why I believe in supporting sensible, cost-effective measures that minimize waste and keep our energy sector competitive while ensuring we continue to protect Wyoming's natural beauty and clean air.

The DEQ's efforts to address methane emissions and comply with new federal standards present an opportunity for Wyoming to lead by example. We have the chance to promote innovation, adopt technologies that reduce emissions, and ensure that oil and gas development remains both responsible and productive. Methane capture technologies are proven to work, and implementing them in a way that benefits both industry and the environment is a win-win for our state.

The best solutions come when we involve a wide range of perspectives—especially from those who understand the importance of our energy industry and the need to safeguard our natural resources for future generations. By working together, we can ensure Wyoming remains a leader in energy production while taking responsible steps to curb unnecessary emissions and protect our clean air—not just discounting all possible solutions because they're seen as "regulations."

Thanks to the Wyoming DEQ Air Quality Division for considering my comments.