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Dear Sir,

I am writing to you from Aztec and we have all been on pins and needles waiting for the decision to change oil and gas pit rules. I only wish you could really see how much oil and gas affects San Juan County, if the oil companies pull out because of increasing costs, San Juan County will become a ghost town. I am a wife and mother of FOUR children, my husband works in the oil field as a compressor mechanic, my father owns a small portable toilet company and ninety five percent of his business comes from the oil and gas rigs. Everyone in San Juan County is tied to the oil and gas business, without all of these jobs that are created from oil and gas, we will have nothing left. My father has always been in the oil and gas business and I can remember when I was a little kid we would have booms and then it would stop and we would have nothing. I remember one winter after a boom when there weren't many jobs my parents could'nt afford to buy my brother and I snowboots, it still brings tears to my Dad's eyes when he talks about being thankful for where we live. San Juan County is thriving, with new growth all around and it is because of oil and gas, if the oil companies are charged a lot more money, they WILL pull out and go to other states that don't have such high fees, I know we need to protect our water but there has got be some happy medium. It will destroy San Juan County!!! I support you in your run for President but please don't forget about us here in New Mexico, we need your help. I can not raise four children without oil and gas, there is no financial way to do it. My husband makes \$17.50 an hour and gets about

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twenty hours of overtime per week, we can not survive on less. If these new regulations pass, I invite you to come to San Juan County and see the devastation it will cause. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Hali Meador