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Subject: [EXT] Oil Conservation Commission

Good morning,

Attached is a letter from City Manager George Duncan, myself and Councilor Kenneth Hare, representing the City of Bloomfield, in support of a methane rule that will position New Mexico as a leader in the fight against climate change while preserving the long term success of the state's oil and gas industry.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Atencio
Mayor
City of Bloomfield
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City of Bloomfield

January 7, 2021

Oil Conservation Commission

Florene Davidson, Clerk
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87505
florene.davidson@state.nm.us

Dear Members of the Oil Conservation Commission,

On behalf of the City of Bloomfield, we are writing to express our strong support for a methane rule that will position New Mexico as a leader in the fight against climate change while preserving the long-term success of the state's oil and gas industry. The State of New Mexico can and should work to achieve a balance between mitigating risks associated with climate change and ensuring the continued strength of oil and gas as the state's largest and most successful private industry. For example, the 98% gas capture requirement is ambitious and challenging, preserves the desire to implement a nationally leading rule, and can be achieved if the appropriate flexibilities are provided. The final rules must preserve this balance between bold, meaningful steps forward on climate change and smart, flexible regulations that ensure the oil and gas industry will continue to thrive in New Mexico.

Oil and natural gas production is the foundation of New Mexico's economy, and it is important that the state's proposed methane rules allow our industry to grow, create jobs, attract investment, and provide critical funds for our state budget and public schools. Oil and natural gas is responsible for more than 134,000 New Mexico jobs and \$17 billion in economic activity. In 2020, oil and gas provided \$2.8 billion to the state budget, including \$1.4 billion for public and higher education. New Mexico can be a leader in the fight against climate change and the production of oil and gas.

The Commission should adopt a regulation that allows policymakers to take strong steps forward in the fight against climate change while continuing to support economic growth and job creation in the oil and gas sector. Through the leadership of this Commission, New Mexico show the rest of the nation how to reduce emissions in the oil and gas industry and promote problem-solving and creativity to ensure the industry continues to serve as the backbone of our state's economy.

Thank you for considering our concerns related to the critical importance of oil and gas production for the economy of the City of Bloomfield.

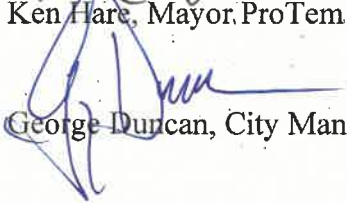
Sincerely,

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Cynthia Atencio, Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Hare".

Ken Hare, Mayor Pro Tem

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George Duncan".

George Duncan, City Manager