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Your Honor,

I am writing to urge you not to pass pit rule 50. Many citizens have a negative emotional reaction to anything that relates to oil and gas, not realizing that such a rule would devastate the economy of New Mexico. In addition to the state losing \$700 million in revenue, the personal cost relating to individual loss of employment and the permanent loss of small businesses is too great a price to pay to assuage the fears of special interest groups who oppose industry in principle and the oil and gas industry in particular.

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