



February 28, 2017

The Honorable Michael Bennet  
U.S. Senator for Colorado  
458 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Bennet,

The Colorado Competitive Council, an affiliate of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, is a statewide business organization that is made up of a diverse group of businesses, chambers of commerce, economic development groups, and regional business alliances from across Colorado. C3's mission is to keep the centennial state's business climate competitive locally as well as globally. We are writing to express our support for the passage of a joint Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolution that eliminates the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) venting and flaring rule.

To start, we did not come to this decision lightly. C3 has been a strong proponent of Colorado's oil and gas rules. Colorado's rules are the toughest in the nation and have become a model from which to move forward as we have seen from the EPA's methane rules. With this in mind, all lands in Colorado, public or private, fall under Colorado's rules and air quality is regulated to our higher standard. This BLM rule is duplicative and would not harmonize with our state rules creating an unnecessary layer in the process that would delay operations on the western slope, harming those operators as well as local economies.

As we look ahead, we believe that strong environmental standards and natural resources development can co-exist to meet our energy needs at home as well as the needs of our allies across the globe for a more environmentally friendly source of energy. To accomplish this, we need synergy between our rules, regulatory bodies, and the industry, which the BLM venting and flaring rule does not create.

To conclude, we ask that you support the CRA resolution eliminating the BLM's venting and flaring rule and encourage your senate colleagues to support this measure as well. Doing so would allow for the synergy needed to harvest our natural resources that would benefit rural economies in Colorado and enhance our efforts to use a cleaner, affordable energy source not only here, but abroad.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Nicholas J. Colglazier'.

Nicholas J. Colglazier  
Director  
Colorado Competitive Council