

February 13, 2017

Dear Senators:

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the largest manufacturing association in the United States representing manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, urges you to support H.J. Res. 36, providing for congressional disapproval of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) rule relating to "Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation", introduced by Rep. Rob Bishop (R-UT).

On November 18, 2016, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) published its final Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation regulation, which regulates methane emissions from oil and gas operations on Federal and Tribal lands. The regulation, commonly referred to as the Venting and Flaring Rule or Methane Rule, requires additional and costly measures for oil and gas activities on Federal and Tribal lands but fails to accurately account for technological limitations and market realities. The costs of this rule will be borne not only by the directly regulated companies but also by those who depend on these energy resources to power their facilities and operations. Manufacturers depend on these energy resources for end use, such as fuel and feedstock for electric power plants and manufacturing facilities. Manufacturers also provide the equipment and services to energy producers who operate on Federal lands, including everything from pumps and valves to cement and wastewater treatment.

H.J. Res. 36 would stop implementation of the BLM's final rule, providing important relief to manufacturers from this costly regulation.

The NAM's Key Vote Advisory Committee has indicated that votes on H.J. Res. 36, including procedural motions, may be considered for designation as Key Manufacturing Votes in the 115th Congress.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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## KEY MANUFACTURING VOTE LETTER