

February 3, 2017

Dear Member of Congress:

We are religious organizations of diverse theological and political backgrounds. We are united by our shared commitment to responsible environmental stewardship and protection of the common good.

We write to urge you to uphold the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Methane and Natural Gas Waste Rule, a rule that not only curbs methane waste on public lands but safeguards human health and protects God's creation. We urge you to vote no on the BLM Methane CRA Resolution.

The BLM rule is a common sense policy that requires the oil and gas industry to reduce venting, flaring, and leaks at industry operations on public and tribal lands by deploying available technology. Currently, more than \$330 million worth of natural gas is wasted on public and tribal lands each year. This is not good stewardship of the resources God has provided.

Oil and gas sources also emit other dangerous pollutants that harm Americans' health, such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which are precursors to ozone formation (smog). Wasteful practices only increase this pollution. Repealing this rule would harm public health and reduce revenue to the federal government and Western states.

We request that you vote in opposition to this egregious attack on commonsense standards which protect the God's creation and the common good. Vote no on the BLM Methane's CRA Resolution.

Sincerely,

Arizona Interfaith Power & Light  
California Interfaith Power & Light  
Climate Action Network, Central Pacific Conference, United Church of Christ  
Colorado Council of Churches  
Delaware Interfaith Power & Light  
Delaware Ecumenical Council for Children and Families  
Disciples Center for Public Witness, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Earth Justice Ministries in Nevada City, California  
Earth Ministry/Washington Interfaith Power & Light  
Eco-Justice Ministries  
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon  
Episcopal Church in Navajo Land  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
Florida Council of Churches  
Franciscan Action Network  
Friends Committee on National Legislation  
GreenFaith

Iowa Interfaith Power & Light  
Interfaith Climate Group of Gainesville, Florida  
Interfaith Power & Light  
Jewish Climate Action Network  
Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States  
Kentucky Interfaith Power & Light  
Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns  
Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light  
Michigan Interfaith Power & Light  
Mormon Environmental Stewardship Alliance  
New Mexico Interfaith Power & Light  
North Carolina Council of Churches  
North Carolina Interfaith Power & Light  
Catholic Diocese of Gallup, NM, Office of Life, Justice, Peace and Creation Stewardship  
Oregon Interfaith Power & Light  
Pennsylvania Council of Churches  
Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light  
Por La Creación  
Presbyterian Church U.S.A.  
Rhode Island Interfaith Power & Light  
Southwest Conference of the United Church of Christ  
The United Methodist Church-General Board of Church and Society  
United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries  
Voices for Earth Justice of Southfield, MI  
West Virginia Interfaith Power & Light  
Wisconsin Council of Churches  
Wisconsin Interfaith Power & Light  
Wyoming Council of Churches