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Comment:

Dear Secretary Zinke,

A successful Air Force pilot is aware keenly of threats seen and expected but more importantly is aware of those threats unseen and unexpected. But when that unseen threat is revealed, the good pilot is ready to confront and eliminate it. Because it is a matter of life and death.

Rolling back the Bureau of Land Management Methane Waste Prevention Rule will harm Nevadans and African-Americans specifically. It is an unseen threat deliberately designed to go unnoticed with no public hearings.

A full 67 percent of the lands in Nevada is managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and most oil and gas leases by the Bureau of Land Management occur in the West. Yet, there has not been a single public hearing in Nevada regarding the rescission of the Methane Waste Prevention Rule. This is wrong, and I urge the Interior Department to offer public hearing opportunity.

The Bureau of Land Management's Methane Waste Prevention Rule prevents waste of publicly-owned natural gas resources and reduces air pollution. Without this rule, hundreds of thousands more tons of toxic compounds and hazardous air pollutants will poison the air we breath in the West, including Nevada, all in the name of deregulation.

Furthermore, communities of color bear disproportionate life-threatening burdens of oil and gas industry operations on public lands. In the 2017 NAACP report "Fumes Across the Fenceline," natural gas emissions and summer ozone season combined contribute to African American children suffering an estimated 138,000 asthma attacks and 101,000 lost school days annually. In addition, over one million African Americans live in counties that face a cancer risk above the Environmental Protection Agency's level of concern from toxics emitted by natural gas facilities.

Communities of color, and states like Nevada, cannot afford to say nothing while our air is being poisoned. I call on the Department of Interior to lengthen the public comment period as well as host a series of public hearings in Nevada and in communities of color. And if these hearings do happen, people of color and Nevadans can and will show up, be ready, and voice our concerns against this policy.

Because it is a matter of life and death.

Respectfully,
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