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## MOMS APPLAUD NEW BILL TO CUT METHANE POLLUTION AND PROTECT ARIZONA FAMILIES

**May 14, 2019** — Today, in response to news that that members of U.S. House of Representatives have introduced the Methane Waste and Prevention Act of 2019 to counter the Trump administration reckless repeal the 2016 **Methane Waste Prevention Rule**, Moms Clean Air Force field consultant for Arizona, **Columba Sainz**, issued the following statement:

"At a time when Trump's Administration wants to unravel vital methane protections for our children, Moms Clean Air Force applauds today's resolute leadership from Congress to stand up for our families. With the Methane Waste and Prevention Act of 2019 bill introduced today by **Representatives DeGette** (D-CO 1st District) and **Grijalva** (D-AZ 3rd District), Congress is stepping up to protect the health of American families from harmful methane pollution, which pollutes the air we breathe and contributes to dangerous climate change," said **Columba Sainz**, Field Consultant for Moms Clean Air Force in Arizona.

"This bill would cut needless methane emissions from oil and gas operations across the country, improving the health of our children who are especially vulnerable to pollutants from oil and gas development. These pollutants contribute to ozone smog and cause asthma attacks, and every year the Latino population is disproportionately burdened by more than 150,000 asthma attacks and more than 110,000 lost school days due to increases in ozone smog resulting from oil and gas pollution.

Our more than 18,000 members in Arizona thank Representative Grijalva and his peers in Congress for protecting the Latino community, in particular, with a bill designed to clean up the air our families breath, especially for those living near and far downwind from oil and gas operations. This is the case for more than 1.8 million Latinos who live within a half-mile of existing oil and gas facilities nationally."

**Latino Communities at Risk: The Impact of Air Pollution from the Oil and Gas Industry**

### BACKGROUND:

On May 14th, Representative DeGette along with Representatives Grijalva, Lujan, Lowenthal and Haaland introduced the Methane Waste and Prevention Act of 2019, a bill that would put in place common sense solutions to cut methane waste and pollution from oil and gas operations on public lands, safeguard public health, and mitigate climate change. The air pollution caused by the oil and gas industry is associated with serious public health impacts and contributes to climate change. Despite the grave dangers of this pollution, the Trump administration is working to undermine and has eliminated pollution prevention rules that protect families from the oil and gas industry's harmful emissions.

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