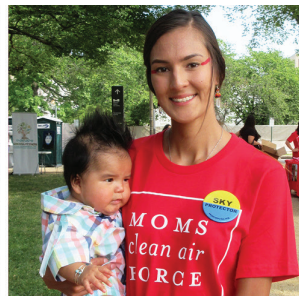


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MOMS APPLAUD NEW BILL TO CUT METHANE POLLUTION AND PROTECT NEW MEXICO FAMILIES

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 New Mexico, **Celerah Hewes**, 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) along with **Representatives Luján** (D-NM 3rd District) and **Haaland** (D-NM 1st 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 **Celerah Hewes**, Field Consultant for Moms Clean Air Force in New Mexico.

"This bill would cut 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 can cause asthma attacks, fetal defect, neurological problems, and cancer. While Governor Luján Grisham is working on statewide rules to reduce methane pollution, our 18,000 members across New Mexico support vital federal safeguards as well that would help clean up the air our families breath, especially for those living near and far downwind from oil and gas operations."

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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