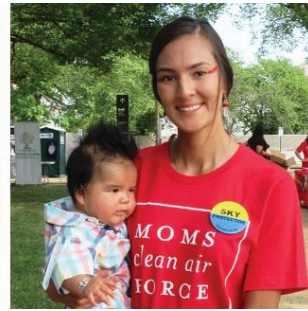


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PRESS STATEMENT

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MOMS TESTIFY AGAINST TRUMP'S PLAN TO GUT CRITICAL EPA METHANE SAFEGUARDS FOR FAMILIES

Washington (October 15th, 2019)—We are experiencing runaway warming across the globe. It is imperiling our families. Methane is a prime contributor. Instead of putting in place restrictions on methane leaks and emissions, this administration is denying that there is a problem and refusing to address it. This week, moms from across the country (including AZ, CO, NM, OH, PA, and TX) will oppose the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s plan to weaken methane pollution standards. They will deliver testimony in Dallas at the public hearing on the EPA's New Source Performance Standards for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry on Thursday, October 17th.

In advance of the public hearing, Moms Clean Air Force co-founder and senior director, **Dominique Browning** released this statement:

"As parents, we are fighting for the rights of our children who do not yet have a voice to speak out about pollution in the air they breathe. For them, methane is a double threat: it dirties the air that passes through their tiny lungs, and it contributes to climate change. The methane rollback is a deeply cynical move that would degrade air quality and fuel extreme weather. It crosses a line for moms, our families, and future generations, who deserve a livable planet.

"At the public hearing in Dallas, our moms will expose this proposed rollback for what it is: a thinly veiled attempt to shield oil and gas facilities for years to come while ignoring EPA's core mission to protect public health and the environment.

"By weakening methane pollution safeguards, Trump's EPA wants to make it even easier for the oil and gas industry to release health-harming methane pollution. We are in the grips of a climate emergency. This is no time for the EPA to gut the standards that protect us from a potent greenhouse gas. Our members reject any action that takes us backward in the effort to solve climate change, especially given methane's outsized role in warming our planet."

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- To learn more about EPA's proposal, go [here](#).
- To receive copies of individual testimony for your reporting, please email stenenbaum@momscleanairforce.org.
- A bipartisan group of Senators oppose this rollback, and have requested that EPA keep the methane standards in place. To learn more, read their letter [here](#).
- Oil and gas operations across the U.S. release over **13 million metric tons of climate-warming methane a year**. This pollution accounts for **25 percent** of the global warming we are experiencing today. Methane is a potent greenhouse gas more than 80 times more powerful than carbon dioxide in the near term.

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