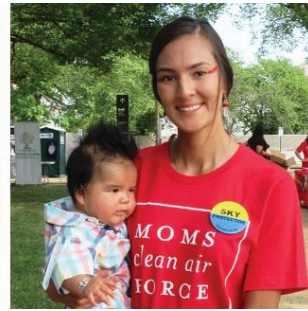


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COLORADO MOMS TESTIFY AGAINST TRUMP'S PLAN TO GUT CRITICAL EPA METHANE SAFEGUARDS FOR FAMILIES

We are experiencing runaway warming across the globe. It is imperiling our families, and methane is a prime contributor to the climate crisis. Oil and gas operations across the U.S. release over **13 million metric tons of climate-warming methane a year**. Instead of strengthening protections that reign in methane leaks and emissions, this administration is denying that there is a problem and attacking critical health and climate safeguards.

Colorado mom Shaina Oliver is delivering testimony later **today** in Dallas at the *only* public hearing on the EPA's New Source Performance Standards for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry.

In advance of the public hearing, Shaina Oliver, released this statement:

"It is beyond time for the fossil fuel industry and investors to respect indigenous rights, and to restore the trust between the First Nations people and Non-Indigenous people. There must be sustained respect for our peoples' right to clean water, clean air and clean lands," said Shaina Oliver, Denver-based mother of four, and member of the Navajo Nation.

"By continuing to unravel environmental protections that keep our children healthy and halting action to address our climate crisis, Trump's EPA is showing its immoral preference for polluters' profits over the future and well-being of our children, and our children's children. This is no time for the EPA to gut the standards that protect us from a potent greenhouse gas. Families like mine reject any action that takes us backward in the effort to solve climate change, especially given methane's outsized role in warming our planet."

This pollution from the oil and gas industry 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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