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### OHIO 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.

Ohio mom Julie Novel 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.

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"The state of Ohio has hundreds of thousands of oil and gas operations that contribute to ozone, smog and climate change. My community in Albany, Ohio suffers from an increasing number of days where the air quality is designated as unhealthy for sensitive groups like my 10 year-old son, Anthony, who has severe asthma. During the past three years, Anthony developed pneumonia twice and has been hospitalized due to complications from asthma. Because of the seriousness of these illnesses, my son has missed numerous days of school and I have had to miss many days of work to stay home and care for him," said Julie Novel.

"I struggle to understand why the E.P.A. wants to weaken methane safeguards that would help protect my son and the more than **225,000 kids in Ohio** who also have asthma. The EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler needs to do his job and protect children's health from oil and gas air pollution."

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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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