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### PENNSYLVANIA MOMS TESTIFY TO OPPOSE 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.

Pennsylvania moms are delivering testimony today in Dallas at the **only** public hearing on the EPA's New Source Performance Standards for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry.

"Oil and gas operations are leaking, venting, and flaring dangerous climate pollution at alarming rates. This proposal is a direct threat to our children's health and future. Now more than ever, moms across Pennsylvania need Governor Wolf's leadership to protect them from methane pollution from the oil and gas industry," said Patrice Tomcik, Project Manager for Moms Clean Air Force.

"Climate change is a public health emergency, and methane pollution safeguards are critical in the fight against climate change, and they also help protect my family's health from harmful air pollutants. "Oil and gas operations also release other harmful air pollutants, putting children who are in close proximity to oil and gas operations—such as my sons, who attend school a half mile from natural gas wells in Southwestern Pennsylvania—at increased risk of exposure to cancer-causing chemicals such as benzene and toluene.

Moms Clean Air Force plans to continue to fight for vital methane safeguards to reduce climate pollution and clean up the air for families like mine who are living, learning, and playing near oil and gas operations."

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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