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Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

Jeff Robbins, Chairman of COGCC: jeff.robbins@state.co.us

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Dear Mr. Robbins and Ms. Murphy,

For months Coloradans throughout the state have witnessed the commissioners of the COGCC consider the arguments of dozens of parties, listen to hundreds of public comments, sift through thousands of pages of documentation, and deliberate line by line on series after series of rules in a massive effort to protect the health of Coloradans and their environment.

Because of your work, the people of Colorado now enjoy protections that are among the most robust in the nation, including automatic standing in permitting decisions for those who live near proposed drilling, the ending of routine venting and flaring, and a 2,000-foot setback of new well pads from homes and schools. These new rules once again assert Colorado as a leader in balanced oil and gas extraction and production, and help to ensure our children inherit a brighter, more verdant future.

Though Eagle County has very little oil & gas extraction or processing within our borders, we are keenly aware of our current and historical need for these industries. And having an economy based principally on our natural environment and healthy lifestyles, we also know how susceptible these things are to unfettered exploitation and use of natural resources. We must all have clean air, land, and water, and a stable climate. Your new focus and recent work clearly recognize that and have gone a long way to ensuring it.

We greatly appreciate the passion and determination each member of the COGCC has exhibited throughout this process. On behalf of Eagle County and , thank you.

Sincerely,

Kathy Chandler-Henry
Chair

Matt Scherr
Commissioner

Jeanne McQueeney
Commissioner