

April 20, 2017

Senator Kamala Harris
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Harris,

I write to urge you to oppose any effort to use the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to overturn the Bureau of Land Management's Methane and Natural Gas Waste Rule. The BLM rule is a common sense policy to reduce waste and benefit our environment and our economy. It helps to protect taxpayer resources and to keep our air and water clean. Currently, more than \$330 million worth of gas is leaked or vented on public and tribal lands each year, meaning that taxpayers could lose out on \$800 million in royalties over the next decade due to venting and flaring of this gas. Leaking, venting, and flaring from gas and dangerous pollutants put our families at considerable health risk while wasting taxpayer money.

We need to hold polluters accountable for outdated and reckless practices that put the American people and our environment in danger. That's why a CRA vote to scrap standards limiting gas waste, a key contributor to climate change, is unacceptable. Leaked gas contains volatile organic compounds, benzene, and other hazardous air pollutants that are known carcinogens and asthma irritants. If the Resolution of Disapproval passes, the Bureau of Land Management is prevented from issuing a rule that is "substantially the same" in the future without an act of Congress. I request that you support these common sense standards that help to protect our health, our environment, and American taxpayers.

Sincerely,