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Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2020 10:19 PM
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Dear Secretaries Cottrell Propst and Kenney -

First thank you for all of your work to protect New Mexico's land, air, water and communities. Thanks also for leading the public dialogue leading to the creation of state methane rules.

The Sierra Club's Rio Grande Chapter was represented on the MAP and will submit technical comments in a separate email.

With this message I am delivering the names and contact information for 800 New Mexicans who signed the following petition using our system and who in some cases added a personal message. Those names and communications have been sorted to the top of the attached data file.

Petition:

We, the undersigned, support national-leading rules to reduce methane waste and pollution from oil and gas development.

Strong methane safeguards will help protect our climate for future generations, keep our air clean, and ensure a fair return for New Mexico taxpayers. The state has taken a broad, inclusive approach to bring a diversity of stakeholders, businesses, and conservation organizations together through the Methane Advisory Panel process.

In response to the Methane Advisory Panel's draft technical report, it is critical for these six principles to be considered in any methane regulatory system:

1. New Mexico should embrace zero tolerance for methane waste and pollution, except in very narrow instances where venting or flaring may be necessary for safety.
2. New Mexico should develop and finalize nation-leading methane regulations in 2020.
3. New Mexico should take a comprehensive approach that addresses methane waste and pollution throughout the oil and gas supply chain and at key agency decision-making steps.
4. New Mexico should establish straightforward, data-based decision tools to facilitate compliance and enforcement.
5. New Mexico should establish requirements for public transparency and accountability.
6. New Mexico should also take steps now under existing authorities to minimize methane waste and pollution while rules are being developed.

Thank you again for your work and consideration.

Sincerely,

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