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To Whom It may Concern,
Natural gas is very abundant in the southeastern and the northwestern part of New Mexico. It is disconcerting that the New Mexico legislature does not realize that this cheap resource could be utilized to help its population in electrical power generation, heating, and cooking. It is all, so to speak, in our backyard and is probably the cheapest resource out there. This could energize the economy even more especially in counties like Chaves and Roosevelt which has been left out of the drilling boom which has been ongoing in oil rich Eddy and Lea counties. Chaves and Roosevelt have a lot of untapped natural gas reserves but no one wants to drill for it because the price is so low. New Mexico should take advantage of this low priced resource by opening up pathways for natural gas pipelines from Eddy, Lea, Chaves, and Roosevelt counties into the bigger cities of Las Cruces, Albuquerque, Sante Fe, Clovis, Roswell, and Hobbs. By possibly doing this, the incentive might be there for companies to drill for natural gas vertically which would be cheaper than horizontal drilling knowing that a local market is available via pipelines The natural gas flaring that is on going in Eddy and Lea counties because of the horizontal drilling boom for oil could be alleviated with pipeline access. Adding more rules on methane emissions that are already in place hurts the one industry that has helped pull New Mexico out of the red and enabled it to improve it finances to aid its population in education, health care, and transportation.

Tim Miller