

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Acting Administrator Wheeler
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.
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We write to comment on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s proposed modifications to the New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for methane emissions from the oil and gas sector Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0483 for the second time.

As the Senators from two states with robust standards to reduce methane emissions, we are concerned that more children will breathe harmful air pollution as a result of the rollbacks you are recommending. In addition, our states may have to impose additional measures in order to adhere to EPA's ozone standards due to methane pollution coming into Colorado and Pennsylvania from other states without similar methane standards.

In attempt to rectify our concerns we, along with 21 other Senators from 13 states, sent you a letter in October requesting an extension of the public comment period and answers to three questions *before* the end of the public comment period. We provided ample time for your agency to reply. It is now two months later and, to our knowledge, your agency has made no effort to reach out to answer these questions. The public comment period ended yesterday.

We are concerned by your failure to reply to our October letter and to take our questions seriously. We owe it to our constituents to obtain more clarity about the effect of the rollback on our respective states. Accordingly, we request a meeting with you within the next month to discuss our constituents' issues with you personally.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Michael F. Bennet
United States Senator



Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senator