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To the Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission,

The undersigned members of the Governor's Oil and Gas Task Force support the clarifications concerning the intent behind Recommendation 17 as are contained within Commissioner Bernie Buescher's October 30, 2015, COGCC Rule-making Prehearing Statement. As stated by Commissioner Buescher and others, Recommendation 17 was written to be applied beyond Urban Mitigation Areas. Section three of that Recommendation granted the Director additional powers and siting tools to relocate large scale oil and gas facilities away from residential areas and, when that is not feasible, to require mitigation measures to limit impacts on neighboring communities.

We believe the language in the recommendation is clear as were our discussions on February 24th when the Task Force unanimously voted for the recommendation. The reason it had such support and surpassed the required 2/3rds threshold, is because it offered relief beyond narrowly defined Urban Mitigation Areas. Please ensure that the rule can provide relief for all Coloradans when these large, industrialized facilities are proposed near their homes and schools. We hope and expect that the words and intent of Recommendation 17 will be given full effect in the new rules adopted by the COGCC.

Sincerely,

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