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Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
1120 Lincoln St #801
Denver, CO 80203

Governor John Hickenlooper
Colorado Governor's Office
200 E Colfax Ave
Denver, CO 80203

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Dear Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission and Governor Hickenlooper:

We, the undersigned elected officials, are concerned about protecting the health, safety and welfare of all Colorado citizens. With the rapidly increasing residential oil and gas development encroaching on all of our communities, we have recognized that the industry is creating border wars between neighboring municipalities. One example that supports this statement is how oil and gas operator proposals continuously attempt or successfully move well pads out of one jurisdiction into another. We are writing to inform you that we will continue to stand united against these border wars and will not be swayed by this divisive approach.

We insist that the State uphold and enforce the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Act, which states in § 34-60-102(1)(a) that it is declared to be in the public interest when oil and gas development is done “...*in a manner consistent with protection of public health, safety, and welfare, including protection of the environment and wildlife resources*”.

We strongly urge a paradigm shift in how large scale oil and gas is developed, and we believe that shift warrants an updated set of regulations. Multi-well mega pads do not belong near our homes, schools, and water sources. The current COGCC rules are antiquated, arbitrary, and address the regulations that were literally set up decades, if not a half a century, ago. We await your response.

Respectfully,

Brian Bagley, Longmont Mayor

Chelsea Behanna, Lafayette City Council

Christine Berg, Lafayette Mayor

Jennifer Carroll, Erie Mayor

Guyleen Castriotta, Broomfield City Council

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