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Mr. Gordon,

My name is Annette Hoffman. I moved to Gillette one year ago. I love this community. I have a job in the CBM industry. I am 45 years old, and I have worked since I was 13 years old. The job I have now is the first one I have ever held that paid more than 30K a year. I have struggled as a single parent for over 20 years. I went back to college in 2002 to earn my Bachelors Degree in Environmental Studies. My job in the CBM industry allows me to live fairly comfortable, help my daughter go to college, pay my bills, and STILL have something to put away for retirement.

I am very concerned about the environment. Not just here in NE Wyoming, but in all areas. CBM water is not the enemy. Water management, or lack of, is the true culprit. Please do not label all CBM operators as careless, irresponsible or money-grubbers looking to make a fast buck and get out. I work with some of the finest, most ethical individuals in the CBM industry I have ever met in my life.

To cut off all the water output from CBM development is not a feasible solution. I oppose the Citizen Petition for Rulemaking, Powder River Basin Resource Council et al. I have seen the beneficial uses for this discharge water. I have been in CBM fields and the benefits have far out-weighed any detriments to the land. There are many, many more ranchers who will suffer consequences from stopping CBM discharges than the few ranchers and landowners who are supporting this petition.

I believe the Wyoming Attorney General's office is opposed to this petition and for good reason. This rule will be struck down as arbitrary and capricious.

NE Wyoming needs CBM development. Stopping discharge waters is not the solution. I understand there are problems with some individuals; however, changing the WDEQ rules is not a fix for those solutions. There are options.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this petition.

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