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Mr. Mark Gordon, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Gordon

My name is Rodney Maki. I came to Wyoming in 1977, I met Alberta Johnson here in Gillette. We were married in December of 1977 have been married for 29 years. We have raised four children in Gillette. Our oldest child, Brook Gerard, is married and lives in Ulm MT, working at the Air Base in the informations department. Our oldest son, Aaron, is self-employed and does welding and BOP testing on the oil rigs. Our middle son Sheridan is employed with Bloedorn Lumber and our youngest son Chase serves in the US Army as a heavy equipment operator. Chase hopes to return to Gillette to practice his trade at the end of his service.

I have been working in the oil and gas fields in and around Gillette. I have been both self-employed and worked for construction companies, all energy related jobs. In 1999 I and Aaron opened Wrangler Const. Inc. to build the roads and install the septics and water system for Wrangler Estates Subdivision, which Alberta and I developed. When we were sold out of lots, we had hoped to work the equipment in the methane fields. Because of environmental groups holding up the permitting process, the work that had been in such surplus was no longer available and it was all we could do to hold on. Work in the methane fields picked up when the permitting process was ironed out and for the last two years we have stayed busy except when bird stipulations on Federal lands go into effect. We committed to buying more equipment because of the amount of work available and the prospects of continued methane production. Many ranchers and contractors, as well as the State of Wyoming, have benefitted from the revenues created by the production and sale of methane gas.

Ranchers, who were struggling to make ends meet, even having to work outside of the ranch, have reaped the benefits of the methane wells being drilled on their property and/or surface damages they are paid. Wrangler Const. Inc. would suffer irreparable damage if the proposed WQD Chapter 2 Petition were adopted. This seems overkill as it exceeds the drinking water standards set by EPA.

Thank you for your time and consideration.


Rodney Maki, Pres.
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