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To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to my attention that the EQC and area ranchers have filed a petition that is going to attempt to shut down all coal bed methane water discharge. It is to my understanding that the current law states that drinking water regulates 2,000 parts per billion and that methane discharge water is regulating even more by 1,800 parts per billion. This new petition is striving to make methane discharge water at 200 parts per billion, an unreasonable, unobtainable amount.

I was born and raised on a small ranch outside of Gillette, Wyoming. I do not believe that coal bed methane is that damaging to area ranches. These ranchers who have petitioned coal bed methane waited until they made millions of dollars off of the mineral rights before fighting the drilling of their land. It is of my opinion that the discharge water is keeping many cattle herds hydrated during this extreme time of drought.

I do not believe that shutting down coal bed methane for a few ranchers is beneficial to this town, this county or this state. Currently, I work for a company that provides and manufactures products for the coal bed methane industry. The discontinuation of coal bed methane production will directly effect this company and my job. Not to mention the town I was born and raised in will be practically non-existent if this industry is shut down. The natural resources and agricultural productions are what have kept this state running. It is not fair to shut one down just to supposedly save the other. They have to co-exist, and shutting coal bed methane down is not the answer. There has to be a compromise that can be met, and these ranchers need to be more flexible and willing to negotiate instead of demanding their way or no way. The EQC and the ranchers who are pushing them have not taken into consideration the effect this petition will have on the economy or the quality of life in the state of Wyoming.

Therefore in conclusion, I am very perturbed by this petition and am officially stating that I oppose it. I thank you for allowing me to state my opinion and I hope that you take it into consideration.

Sincerely,



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