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Dear Mr. Gordon,

I oppose the petition that has been set before you by the Powder River Basin Resource Council entitled **Petition to Amend Wyoming Water Quality Rule, Chapter 2, Appendix H**. Not only does this petition threaten the economic lives of hundreds of people like myself and my co-workers it threatens energy development nationwide. The petition is not asking for responsible CBM development the petition as I read it would effectively halt all CBM development.

I was born and raised here in Campbell County. We actually had a small ranch located on what is now a coal mine. It seems ironic that the petitioners are claiming foul by the CBM industry when my family had to actually pick up and move due to the coal mine development. At least the petitioners still have a home and some hope of reclamation. I believe as a resident of the "Energy Capital of the Nation" that the responsibility of providing energy to the nation is a part of who we are and what we do. President Bush in his most recent address to the nation spoke directly of alternative energy sources and sited coal and natural gas as the leaders at this time. I am in empathetic for the petitioners because I understand the feelings associated with your land being at risk from outside pressures. I do not understand almost 580,000 acres of other ranchlands in the Powder Basin aren't being affected in such a negative way?

Please Mr. Gordon and fellow Councilmen, take a minute to think about all the lives that will be affected even with a nominal slow down in the very industry that powers this area. I have lived thru the boom and bust. I watched as the banks could not even pay their debts. I have no desire to go down that bumpy road again.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Tom Hettinger

