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Dear Council: We are writing as concerned residents of the Upper Green River Valley who have observed changes in our air quality during the last 15 years that we believe have been negative to our health and certainly to the visual aspects of living here. We wish to go on record as supporting the proposed changes in the Petition from local residents to lower the trigger levels for ozone and other air quality issues that you will be considering.

We are both wildlife biologists with advanced degrees and experience in environmental observation.

In 1993 we bought a cabin on the Hoback RIM at the North end of the valley and spent part of each year in all seasons there. The air was so clear it offered spectacular, crystal clear views of the whole Wind River Range from our porch. Now even after storms and in winter when it used to clear up, we have a reddish brown haze. This is familiar to me having grown up in the San Francisco Bay area and seen smog develop in the late 1950's - that familiar reddish brown haze. It now prevents a clear view of the Winds during most times of the year.

In 2003 we moved to Daniel 20 miles south of our cabin to live full time. The gas boom was just about to roll into a full development scenario and it did. Air quality in the lower parts of the valley has been impaired more all the time. We believe this factor alone has negatively affected our home and cabin values -before we get to discussion of personal health issues.

Last night for example it was difficult to observe a well announced meteor shower because of the lasting haze, only part of which can be attributed to summer fire effects. We have not fires here now.

Since we moved here permanently 6 years ago we have developed serious personal health issues we never had before. We both have allergies all year long that require medication. Bettina has had extensive testing to try to identify these to no avail and is on two prescription medications. Rollin simply puts up with constant post nasal drip and trouble sleeping at night with congestion. During the normal allergy season these effects are multiplied. More seriously Rollin suddenly developed atrial fibrillation which is an affliction that some doctors think can be brought on by ozone exposure and other aspects of bad air. During the alerts last year he experienced difficulty breathing on walks near Daniel. These fibrillation events continue to occur. Both Rollin and Bettina pursue physical fitness activities and are other wise in excellent health.

Somehow the public has been put into the position of having to demonstrate a problem with bad air here rather than be assured that we have clean air as a part of living in Wyoming. The failure to address the progressive air quality problems here in the Upper Green is at least partly a failure of Wyoming Government to look at what is right in front of us and we appeal to you to fill this gap in governance on behalf of the citizen's of Wyoming.

Please initiate the changes requested in this petition and take other measures to restore the excellent air quality we used to enjoy and which should be a part of living in Wyoming.

Sincerely,

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