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Diverse Support for S.J. Res. 14 and Federal Methane Regulations

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & COMMERCE

Energy Companies:

- [American Petroleum Institute](#)
“The American Petroleum Institute...supports the direct federal regulation of methane, a potent greenhouse gas, from new and existing oil and gas operations.”
- [Austin Energy](#)
- [BP America](#)
- [BP America](#)
“Direct federal regulation of methane is key to preventing leaks throughout industry and protecting the environment – and gets us closer to #netzero. That’s why we support the Congressional Review Act methane resolution.”
- [Calpine Corporation](#)
- [Center for Liquefied Natural Gas](#)
- [Cheniere](#)
To maximize the climate benefits of natural gas, we recognize the imperative to minimize #methane emissions across the natural gas value chain. We support effective policies and regulations that reduce methane emissions, including the current Congressional Review Act effort to restore federal regulation of methane emissions. Cheniere will continue to collaborate with industry, academia and the scientific community to deliver cost-effective solutions that reduce methane emissions from the natural gas sector. We also will continue to push for increased transparency regarding methane emissions reporting and data, as well as efforts that create a level playing field with all operators domestically and internationally. #LNG #WeAreUSLNG
- [Consolidated Edison Company of New York](#)
- [Devon Energy](#)
We believe a meaningful reduction in methane emissions is essential to managing the risks of climate change. While the Congressional Review Act is an extraordinary legislative tool that should be used judiciously and with caution, we support the ongoing effort in Congress to chart a path toward a durable framework for regulating methane at the federal level that encourages innovation and operational flexibility.
- [Edison Electric Institute](#)
EI supports Congress using the Congressional Review Act to enable @EPA to develop strong and cost-effective federal regulations on methane emissions throughout the natural gas supply chain for new and existing sources. #CutMethane #Committed2Clean
- [EQT Corporation](#)
EQT Corporation supports congressional resolutions that would reinstate a rule imposing a federal standard on methane. Company believes the “responsible development of natural gas will help meet future global energy demand as we address climate change together”
- [Equinor North America](#)
“Ensuring that natural gas continues to provide climate benefits means reducing emissions

from its production. We support the methane resolution under the Congressional Review Act. Direct federal methane regulation is an important step on the pathway to net zero.”

- [Equinor North America](#)
- [Equitrans Midstream Corporation](#)
- [Exelon Corporation](#)
- [ExxonMobil](#)

Last year we [ExxonMobil] announced our support for the direct regulation of methane emissions for new and existing oil and gas facilities. That hasn't changed.”

- [Interstate Natural Gas Association of America](#)

“We support federal methane standards...our members have a long history of minimizing methane emissions from their operation. A stable regulatory framework will allow the industry to invest in the critical infrastructure necessary to reduce emissions and meet increasing demand for cleaner and more affordable energy.”

- [Jonah Energy](#)

“Jonah Energy believes in common sense federal regulation of methane emissions to reduce impacts and achieve climate goals. We support Congressional Review Act measure S.J. Res. 14 that will reverse prior rulemaking and allow reasonable federal oversight of methane. In fact, we opposed the rollback by the last administration. Achieving climate goals is important in our backyard, and across the nation. Reasonable federal regulations of methane emissions provide consistency and certainty covering all sectors of natural gas development and promote public confidence our national energy sources.

- [Los Angeles Department of Water and Power \(LADWP\)](#)

- [National Grid](#)

- [NW Natural](#)

- [Occidental Petroleum](#)

This week the Senate will be voting to reinstate rules on methane emissions – which are so vital to our fight against climate change, and have the support of oil and gas companies.

Here's @WeAreOxy President and CEO Vicki Hollub, agreeing we need to #CutMethane.

- [Occidental Petroleum](#)

- [Pacific Gas and Electric Company](#)

- [Pioneer Natural Resources](#)

Pioneer has long supported federal regulation of methane if those regulations encourage innovation and operational flexibility. Clear rules would provide certainty for operators and strong environmental benefits. We support use of the CRA to reinstate regulation of methane”

- [Shell US](#)

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“Sound policy surrounding natural gas is critical to its role in the energy transition. We need to restore the direct federal regulation of #methane emissions—and we urge Congress to approve the methane resolution under the Congressional Review Act.”

- [Total USA](#)

“Curbing methane emissions with bold policies is imperative to get to #NetZero2050. We welcome direct federal regulation of #methane emissions and support resolution via the Congressional Review Act #cutmethane.”

- [Vermont Gas Systems \(VGS\)](#)

Environmental, Business and Public Interest Organizations:

- Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
- [Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League](#)
- [Brighter Green](#)
- [Center for Civic Policy](#)
- [Center for Human Rights and Environment](#)
- [Center for Methane Emission Solutions](#)
- [Chapel Hill Organization for Clean Energy](#)
- [Citizens Caring for the Future](#)
- [Clean Air Council](#)
- [Clean Air Task Force](#)
- [Clean Water Action](#)
- [Climate Advocates Voces Unidas \(CAVU\)](#)
- [Climate Law & Policy Project](#)
- [Conservation Colorado](#)
- [Conservation Voters New Mexico](#)
- [Conservatives for Responsible Stewardship](#)
- [Dakota Resource Council](#)
- [Defend Our Future](#)
- [Earth Action, Inc.](#)
- [Earthjustice](#)
- [Earthworks](#)
- [Empire State Consumer Project](#)
- [Environmental Defense Fund](#)
- [Evangelical Environmental Network](#)
- [Fort Berthold POWER](#)
- [Franciscan Action Network](#)
- [Grand Canyon Trust](#)
- [GreenLatinos](#)
- [Health Action New Mexico](#)
- Healthy Air & Water Colorado
- [Hispanic Access Foundation](#)
- [Interfaith Power & Light](#)
- [League of Conservation Voters](#)
- [League of Oil and Gas Impacted Coloradans](#)
- [Moms Clean Air Force](#)
- [National Organization for Women](#)
- [National Parks Conservation Association](#)
- [Natural Resources Defense Council](#)
- [New Mexico Interfaith Power and Light](#)
- [New Mexico Sportsmen](#)
- [Partnership for Responsible Business](#)
- [Pennsylvania Environmental Council](#)
- [Powder River Basin Resource Council](#)
- [ProgressNow Colorado](#)
- [Project CoffeeHouse](#)
- [Protect All Children's Environment](#)
- [Public Citizen](#)
- [Rachel Carson Council](#)
- [Responsible Drilling Alliance](#)
- [Río Grande Indivisible](#)
- [Rocky Mountain Farmers Union](#)
- [Santa Fe Green Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Sciencecorps](#)
- [Sierra Club](#)
- [The Greater Prince William Climate Action Network](#)
- [The Nature Conservancy](#)
- [The Ohio Environmental Council](#)
- [The Wilderness Society](#)
- [Waterkeeper Alliance](#)
- [Western Colorado Alliance](#)
- [Western Organization of Resource Councils](#)
- [Young Evangelicals for Climate Action](#)
- [147 major industry investors](#)

State, Local, and Tribal Officials:

- [The Attorneys General of New York, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, and the District of Columbia](#)
- [Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez](#)



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June 10, 2021

The Honorable Frank Pallone
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Pallone and Ranking Member McMorris Rodgers,

bp's ambition is to become a net zero company by 2050 or sooner and to help the world get there too. This includes advocating for policies that support net zero.

bp supports the direct federal regulation of methane for new and existing sources across the value chain. Methane is a potent greenhouse gas with a warming potential 80 times greater than carbon dioxide over the first 20 years in the atmosphere. We believe regulation is needed to ensure all companies are prioritizing methane emissions reductions. This is why bp supports the Congressional Review Act resolution on methane.

We appreciate the leadership of Representative DeGette and others who recognize that regulating methane is good for the environment, business, and for US energy security. Further, we believe regulation can help preserve the role for natural gas in a low carbon future.

bp is in action to reduce methane emissions from our operations. We aim for zero routine flaring in our US onshore operations by 2025 and have recently completed construction of a \$300 million electrified, central processing facility in the Permian Basin in Texas to enable emissions reductions. Additionally, we aim to install methane measurement at all our existing major oil and gas processing sites by 2023, publish the data, and then drive a 50% reduction in the methane intensity of our operations.

This is a critical decade for climate action. We appreciate the leadership of Representative DeGette and the work of this committee to advance this issue in Congress.

I, or a member of my team, will be happy to meet with you or your staff to talk more about bp's ambition and our efforts to minimize methane.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Streett', written over a horizontal line.

Mary Streett



April 9, 2021

The Honorable Tom Carper
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Dear Chairman Carper, Ranking Member Capito, Chairman Pallone, and Ranking Member Rodgers:

Equinor US encourages members of both the Senate and House to support a proposed resolution of disapproval, under the Congressional Review Act (CRA), to rescind the recent rule "Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources Review" and largely reinstate the Obama-era regulations of methane emissions from the oil and gas sector.

In 2019, we submitted comments to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) opposing the then proposed rule and outlined our view that regulation of methane is a necessary part of a comprehensive, economy-wide policy program to address global climate change.

In those comments, Equinor US noted that "it is important to have a federal regulatory 'floor' that provides a consistent, flexible, predictable, and comprehensive policy framework for the sector." We stand by this policy approach and believe that a return to the 2012 and 2016 standards, until a more workable regulation or pieces of legislation, considering modern technological developments, can be passed and/or implemented.

Equinor US appreciates the strong leadership of many in Congress who recognize the role of responsibly-produced natural gas in the energy transition and we believe that the deployment of the Congressional Review Act to undo the 2020 rule is appropriate and in line with our own net-zero ambitions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris L. Golden".

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VICKI HOLLUB
PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

June 10, 2021

Members of the Energy and Commerce Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our views on H.J Res. 34. The demand for energy and products that rely upon oil and natural gas will continue to rise globally, and we take seriously the charge to provide for those needs while approaching Net-Zero. Occidental was the first U.S. oil and gas company to establish comprehensive net-zero greenhouse gas emissions goals, with a pathway to Net-Zero before 2040 for Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions, and an ambition to achieve Net-Zero for Scope 3 emissions before 2050. Your efforts to evaluate and advance legislation to address climate change are critical to helping companies like Occidental achieve these objectives.

Occidental supports the data-driven, direct regulation of methane which is why we support H.J. Res 34. Earlier this year, President Biden directed EPA to draft new methane regulations for both new and existing sources and we are working with the Administration on those efforts. This legislation will clarify EPA's authority to regulate methane and allow EPA additional flexibility to write a thorough rule. Because it has access to the most comprehensive emissions data via GHG reporting program and other means, we strongly believe that EPA should lead the effort to regulate methane. In their rulemaking process, EPA should work with external stakeholders to craft public policy that achieves methane emissions reductions, incentivizes early action, and supports flexibility and innovation. We look forward to sharing data and best practice information about our operations with EPA to assist in the creation of strong and effective regulations.

Occidental thanks Representatives DeGette, Lamb, and Peters for their leadership on this important legislation and we look forward to additional opportunities to collaborate on ways to approach Net-Zero.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vicki Hollub".

Vicki Hollub
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April 22, 2021

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Dear Chairman Carper, Ranking Member Capito, Chairman Pallone, and Ranking Member Rodgers:

Shell supports passage of a proposed joint resolution of disapproval under the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to rescind the 2020 rule “Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed and Modified Sources Review” and reinstate the direct regulation of methane emissions from new and modified sources established by the Environmental Protection Agency in 2016.

Beginning in 2015, Shell worked with EPA and industry peers to develop a workable approach to regulating methane from onshore oil and gas sources. Shell was the first oil major to signal support for the rule. Beginning in 2017, Shell urged the Trump Administration to make desired refinements to the regulation, but to maintain the direct regulation of methane from onshore sources established by the previous Administration.

The efficient regulation of methane from onshore oil and gas production makes good business sense, as methane captured is methane sold, advances the energy transition and expands the role of natural gas as a transition fuel. The 2016 rule sparked innovation, contributing to the development of more efficient and affordable pneumatics, better cameras and new airborne imagery, tools that help us better understand and control methane leaks from our assets.

I have appreciated the leadership of those in Congress working to advance this joint resolution. I have attached an oped in support of the resolution published last week in the Houston Chronicle.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Watkins, President

Houston Chronicle

Gretchen Watkins

April 22, 2021

Shell president: Bring back 2016 methane regulations with a joint resolution of Congress

Gretchen Watkins is the president of Shell Oil Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Royal Dutch Shell, which is among the largest oil companies in the world. Approximately 80,000 Shell employees are based in the U.S. Its U.S. headquarters are in Houston.

Last October, France blocked a \$7 billion U.S. LNG deal weeks after the Trump administration finalized a rule to stop the direct federal regulation of methane emissions from oil and gas production.

The timing was not a coincidence.

France's actions and current conversations in the EU about imposing methane standards on gas sold into Europe make explicit the link between the U.S. controlling its methane emissions and America's continued ability to compete in the global LNG market. The message from the customer is clear: Clean up your act, or we're not buying it.

Preserving U.S. competitiveness is just one reason Shell calls on Congress to pass a joint resolution under the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to reverse the Trump Administration's methane policy rule and restore the federal regulation of methane that began in 2016. If Congress passes the resolution, President Biden's signature would immediately restore direct regulation of methane from new and modified onshore oil and gas production sources.

Regulating methane emissions from oil and gas production is the right thing to do for our climate and the air quality of communities across the country. It's widely acknowledged that methane is a highly potent greenhouse gas with a global warming potential 80 times greater than CO2. Beyond the long-term impacts related to climate change, methane emissions also have implications for local air quality. We owe it to the communities where we live and work to reduce these emissions.

Methane is also a fuel. We sell it. So capturing as much methane as we can by halting venting, fixing leaks and eliminating routine flaring means we have more product to sell to customers. That translates to more investment, more jobs and an energy source that has a legitimate place in the transition to a lower-carbon economy. That's why I'm also urging our trade associations, and any reluctant industry peers, to join Shell and others in urging Congress to do away with the Trump methane policy rule.

Last year, Shell announced its ambition to become a net zero energy company by or before 2050, in pace with society. We support the U.S. goal of a net zero economy by 2050 and a

robust 2030 interim target. There are some hard choices to make if these targets and ambitions are going to be achieved. This isn't one of them.

Methane technology continues to evolve, making the cost of controlling emissions more affordable than we originally expected. New technologies are racing to market that could lower the cost of compliance even more. Today, drones and planes are doing the bulk of the detection work, but the ambition is to raise the bar higher. Much higher. Shell continues to work closely with the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) on data gathering and emerging methane tracking technology. Next year, EDF subsidiary MethaneSAT is planning to launch an instrument designed to locate and quantify methane emissions almost anywhere in the globe, potentially creating further opportunities for collaboration.

We already have many of the tools we need to tackle methane emissions, with better tools on the way. We owe it to our shareholders, our customers and our planet to employ them. We cannot make the climate case for the widespread use of natural gas if we don't manage and contain it. The first step is a return to the direct regulation of methane.