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Comments: My name is JAMES BROWN and I live in Los Angeles, California.

Every day, millions of people across the country who live near oil and gas facilities breathe in toxic air pollutants that are leaked into the atmosphere along with methane, a potent greenhouse gas.

Right now, the Trump administration is attacking our health and environment by going after protections that reduce methane pollution from the oil and gas industry. The EPA is collecting comments about this attempted rollback and we need you to act now.

Methane is a major driver of the climate crisis. It is often released alongside more toxic pollutants that threaten public health, especially in communities living near oil and gas operations. Methane pollution standards are a commonsense solution to cut harmful emissions from the largest industrial sources. Tell the EPA to protect methane standards that reduce oil and gas industry pollution.

The Trump administrations reckless rollback of the methane standards is yet another giveaway to the oil and gas industry, which is allowed to keep polluting our air with impunity in the pursuit of profit.

I am writing to express strong opposition to efforts to roll back the Roadless Area Conservation Rule (Roadless Rule) in Alaska or elsewhere. The Roadless Rule was implemented with unprecedented public support to protect some of our nations most pristine public lands, including large parts of the Tongass National Forest. You must choose the No Action alternative. Any other choice would ignore overwhelming public support and harm Alaskans, including Alaska Natives, and taxpayers across the nation.

In Southeast Alaska, tourism accounts for 28% of employment and generate an annual \$1 billion in economic benefit, making it far more of an economic driver than the timber industry, which is less than 1% of the regional economy.

Any choice but the No Action alternative would also put wildlife and critical habitat at risk, threaten access to clean water, and be a step in the wrong direction on climate change jeopardizing Alaskans at a time when the state already faces severe challenges related to rising temperatures. I urge you not to abandon the Roadless Rule in Alaska and instead to put the public interest above corporate profits by choosing to keep the rule in place unchanged.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards, JAMES BROWN

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