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Hon. Jared Polis
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Representative Polis:

We, the undersigned, urge you to cease your efforts to thwart responsible energy development in Colorado. The so-called "local control" measures you and your allies are pushing will raise electricity prices and destroy tens of thousands of jobs for hard-working Colorado families.

Technological advances in hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling have unlocked vast amounts of oil and natural gas that were previously inaccessible. Few places have benefited more from this domestic energy boom than Colorado: between 2007 and 2012, oil and natural gas production increased by more than 89 percent and 38 percent, respectively. Colorado is now the eighth largest oil producer and sixth largest natural gas producer among U.S. states.

Anti-fracking ballot initiatives threaten to undermine Colorado's energy boom. A recent study found that Colorado could lose 68,000 jobs and \$8 billion in GDP in the first five years alone if hydraulic fracturing is banned statewide.

Furthermore, if passed, these so-called "local control" initiatives have the potential to deprive individuals of the mineral rights they own, and to change the valuation of

their land by taking property decisions previously in the hands of landowners and giving them to municipal governments.

You once said hydraulic fracturing killed your “Colorado dream.” We urge you to consider the impact of your policies on the dreams of other Coloradans, and to embrace the energy renaissance that is bringing jobs, growth, and prosperity to your state.

Sincerely,

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