

# Protect Colorado's air, water, & wildlife from Oil and Gas drilling

We agree with over 70% of Coloradoans recently polled – when the oil and **gas industry does drill, it must be done in a safe and responsible manner.** Energy is just one of Colorado's many resources. Our clean air, precious water, abundant wildlife and open spaces are also critical to our economy, supporting billions in annual revenue from tourism, agriculture, real estate, hunting and other outdoor activities.

Since 1999 the number of oil and gas drilling permits issued annually in Colorado has increased by more than 600 percent. Current state regulations have failed to prevent the contamination of drinking water sources, the exposure to toxic chemicals by our first responders and workers, increasingly frequent spills of toxic waste materials and other chemicals, and the degradation of the habitat necessary to support western wildlife.

That is why we support the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission's update of Colorado's drilling standards. With strong bipartisan support, the Colorado legislature passed two laws in 2007 that directed the Commission to update rules on oil and gas drilling. The Commission's rules offer a balanced, common sense solution to protect current and future generations of Coloradans.

**Pledge of support:** *Yes, I support the protections for Colorado's public health and wildlife in areas where drilling for gas and oil occurs. Please add my name/organization/business to the list of supporters to be listed in materials.*

Other ways you can help!

- Ask others I know to endorse
- Write a letter-to-the-editor
- Attend an event
- Contact your local legislator

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