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Sent: Thursday, November 09, 2017 1:26 PM
To: Sidney Hill
Subject: Proposed Oil & Gas drilling ordinance

Dear Mr. Hill,

I am a business owner in Rio Rancho and have been involved in various efforts to stimulate our local economy. I understand that Oil & Gas drilling will continue to be an important part of our economy until all carbon based fuels are replaced by clean energy sources. It is, however, the primary role of any elected official to both preserve our natural resources (especially water) as well as protect our residents.

The proposed ordinance scheduled for a vote on November 16th lacks measures to prevent the contamination of an aquifer that nearly one million people depend. This poses a serious threat to our drinking water supply. The ordinance should require oil companies to perform both baseline ground water testing and post drilling monitoring. Our community can only remain an attractive place to both work and live now and in the future if our elected officials make the welfare of our residents and preservation of our natural resources their first priority.

Sincerely,

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