



March 1, 2017

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
United States Senate
290 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510



Dear Senator Graham:

The South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance, the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce and SC BIPEC, come together to strongly urge your support for S.J. Res. 11, providing for congressional disapproval under the Congressional Review Act (CRA) of the Department of Interior's "Methane and Waste Prevention" rule that went into effect in the final days of the Obama administration.



Commonly referred to as the Venting and Flaring Rule or Methane Rule, this last-minute regulation requires additional and costly measures for oil and gas activities on Federal and Tribal lands but fails to accurately account for technological limitations and market realities. The costs of this rule will be borne not only by the directly regulated companies but also by those who depend on these energy resources to power their facilities and operations, like many of our member companies and associations. Businesses depend on these energy resources for end use, such as fuel and feedstock for electric power plants and manufacturing facilities. Manufacturers also provide the equipment and services to energy producers who operate on Federal lands, including everything from pumps and valves to cement and wastewater treatment. S.J. Res. 11 would stop implementation of the BLM's final rule, providing important relief to businesses from this costly and duplicative regulation.

The availability and reliability of affordable energy sources is essential to South Carolina's business competitiveness. We appreciate the US House of Representatives' passage of its resolution (H.J. Res 36) and ask that you support S.J. Res. 11 when it comes to the Senate floor for a vote.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lewis Gossett".

Lewis Gossett
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