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**Subject:** Please support HB 1278

Dear Representative Mitsch Bush -

Please accept this letter in support of HB 1278. La Plata County has 3,500 natural gas wells that have been drilled since the mid-1980s. Over the past 25 years we've had our share of oil and gas related spills and incidents. I believe it makes sense to drop the reporting threshold for spills from 5 barrels to 1 barrel and require that these spills be reported to local authorities. It is critical that local governments are notified as they are often the first responders to incidents.

Thank you -

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