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## **Statement Regarding the Protect Public Welfare Oil and Gas Operations Bill**

Colorado Senate Bill 19-181 “Protect Public Welfare Oil and Gas Operations” was introduced on March 1st, 2019. This Bill grants more local control to counties and municipalities to determine what oil & gas exploration is allowed. Bill Sponsors have stated that this legislation takes the advantage from the industry and places it on the environment and public safety, health, and welfare. You can follow SB19-181 here:

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb19-181>

The following statement was issued by the Weld County Republican Party:

“This legislation is a wolf in sheep’s clothing. While local control is generally an idea that our party advocates, the oil and gas industry is vital to Colorado’s economy. By placing more local control on this industry, municipalities will take the power and run with it, crippling Colorado’s economy.

The COGCC is granted more control, under this legislation and we can all see how this could cause issues. Currently, the COGCC operates pretty decently. Unfortunately, all it would take is a couple of people to be replaced and the entire commission would be turned upside down. By placing more control on the COGCC, we would allow a small group of people to make the decisions on one of Colorado’s largest industries.

Coloradans deserve to have job security and know that an industry cannot be disposed of, simply because Boulder does not like them. Senate Bill 181 was introduced by House Speaker Becker and Senate Majority Leader Fenberg, both Boulder Democrats. At this point, all of the State Representatives and Senators from Weld County, aside from Rochelle Galindo, the Democrat that stole House District 50, have opposed this legislation. What Boulder wants is what Boulder gets, under the current administration. How can we be surprised when our Governor won’t even live in the Governor’s Mansion, but chooses to live in Boulder and commute daily? I thought they cared about the environment, but that seems to be the typical liberal hypocrisy exposing itself.”

As Weld County is responsible for 90% of the state’s Oil production, we need to have our voices heard! Please contact all of the Colorado Legislators and let them know what a positive impact the Oil & Gas industry has on your life. To assist you in emailing all of the Colorado Legislators, please follow the link below and you can copy all of the email addresses right on over.

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UgdivCRJJ0V83LLD7VY5NTmbuoj1\\_WkKONdV5AuDbnM/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UgdivCRJJ0V83LLD7VY5NTmbuoj1_WkKONdV5AuDbnM/edit?usp=sharing)