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Dear Representative:

On behalf of NFIB, the nation's leading small business advocacy organization, I write in support of H.J. Res. 35, the Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolution to repeal the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) rule establishing a methane fee for oil and natural gas production, processing, transmission, and storage. This fee will increase costs for energy producers, which will be passed on to families and small businesses. ***A vote in favor of H.J. Res. 35, will be considered an NFIB Key Vote for the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress.***

In a recent ballot, more than 88% of small business owners support streamlining regulations to facilitate the production and transport of oil, natural gas, and other energy sources in the United States.<sup>1</sup> Small business owners also report the cost of electricity, natural gas, gasoline, and diesel fuel, as top 10 problems when asked to assess their top 75 issues.<sup>2</sup>

The EPA's methane fee would apply to oil and gas facilities that report annual methane emissions above a certain threshold. In 2024, a \$900 fee per metric ton of methane would kick in above the threshold. By 2026, the fee will increase to \$1,500 per metric ton. This fee will increase the cost of energy production which will be passed on to the consumer in the form of higher energy costs. In its rule, the EPA acknowledged that this regulation would increase the price of gasoline and decrease gas production.

Small businesses want affordable, abundant, and reliable energy. ***NFIB strongly supports H.J. Res. 35 and will consider support for H.J. Res. 35 a Key Vote for the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress.***

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Temple', written over a horizontal line.

Adam Temple  
Senior Vice President for Advocacy  
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<sup>1</sup> Mandate, vol. 582, NFIB Member Ballot, March 2023, Should Congress streamline regulations to facilitate the production and transport of oil, natural gas, and other energy sources in the United States? (Yes: 88% No: 6% Undecided: 6%).

<sup>2</sup> Holly Wade, Small Business Problems and Priorities, 2024. <https://www.nfib.com/small-business-problems-and-priorities/>