



April 9, 2021

The Honorable Tom Carper
Chairman
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
513 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Frank Pallone
Chairman
House Committee on Energy and Commerce
2107 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
172 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Ranking Member
House Committee on Energy and Commerce
1035 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Carper, Ranking Member Capito, Chairman Pallone, and Ranking Member Rodgers:

Equinor US encourages members of both the Senate and House to support a proposed resolution of disapproval, under the Congressional Review Act (CRA), to rescind the recent rule "Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources Review" and largely reinstate the Obama-era regulations of methane emissions from the oil and gas sector.

In 2019, we submitted comments to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) opposing the then proposed rule and outlined our view that regulation of methane is a necessary part of a comprehensive, economy-wide policy program to address global climate change.

In those comments, Equinor US noted that "it is important to have a federal regulatory 'floor' that provides a consistent, flexible, predictable, and comprehensive policy framework for the sector." We stand by this policy approach and believe that a return to the 2012 and 2016 standards, until a more workable regulation or pieces of legislation, considering modern technological developments, can be passed and/or implemented.

Equinor US appreciates the strong leadership of many in Congress who recognize the role of responsibly-produced natural gas in the energy transition and we believe that the deployment of the Congressional Review Act to undo the 2020 rule is appropriate and in line with our own net-zero ambitions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris L. Golden".

Chris L. Golden
Senior Vice President, Global Unconventionals
Equinor US