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Of the number of comments supporting additional methane regulations, one thing is clear, none of these 'stakeholders' have a clue about what they object to. One such comment included the statement that methane is 'intentionally released' into the atmosphere. These are not serious people with serious concerns. These are people whose business it is to destroy another's business, mine.

While it may come as a shock, the oil and gas industry has been responsibly regulated for well over 100 years, with the benefit to society everywhere you look, from the schools it has built to the roads it has built, to the standard of living we all enjoy. Those who consider this business to be irresponsible or uncaring, simply don't know the business.

I've worked as a geologist and small operator for more than 47 years and I can promise you this bill benefits only the rent-seekers of the environmental lobby, the rent-seekers of 'new businesses', and trial lawyers. If you think anything good can come from that, you are flat wrong.

We SELL methane. We make sure we SELL as much as we can, so our interest is already perfectly aligned with those who don't like methane leaks. We don't like them either, because they cost us money. We have always addressed it in the past, and we will in the future.

The very last thing we need is for those without the expertise this business requires, telling those of us who have that expertise how to run our business. Come to us with REAL FACTS. Present to us the quantified AFFECTS of a KNOWN QUANTITY of methane. Either prove it, or butt out.