

I would first like to thank Representatives Foote & Gray, along with Senators Jones and Aguilar for having the courage to present HB-1352 for consideration. Those of us who dare to oppose the O&G industry have seen these types of measures voted down time & time again because of the industry's strangle-hold on our great state.

What this measure is proposing is a common-sense approach to the health and safety of children in the state of Colorado.

Current law mandates a 1,000 foot distance for new oil & gas facilities from any high-occupancy building....but this is not sufficient for a structure such as a school, which has playgrounds and sports areas much farther from the actual structure of the school building. And this isn't even considering those schools that have modular classrooms. This bill would place that 1,000 foot distance from the property line, which is a very important distinction.

This bill would protect areas where children play and provide better protection from the already harmful pollutants that we allow the O&E industry to spew into our atmosphere.

The health problems associated with fracking include respiratory problems that many people experience.....including children. Fracking creates toxic air pollution that can reduce lung function and trigger asthma attacks. The immune system of children are much more susceptible to damage from toxic chemicals. Pushing the O&E industry away from playgrounds seems like a no-brainer to rational people.

I would also remind this committee that fracking profits go to private industry, but it's the public (families and communities) that pay the price and bear the

costs for the health complications from the drilling done in and around populated areas.

Fracking is a dirty and dangerous industrial activity that doesn't belong near our schools or neighborhoods.

I am urging you to please, seriously consider passing this bill. These minor safeguards will help families and children be just a little safer. And since the COGCC appears to be a willing participant to the poisoning of our great state, we need our legislature to do the right thing to protect the people and children in our communities. I urge you to do the right thing for the people you represent.

Thank you for your time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Beach', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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