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Statement on Trump EPA's Regulatory Reform of Abusive Methane Rule

(Washington, D.C.) — Conservatives for Property Rights today issued the following statement regarding the Trump administration's proposal to repeal part of the Environmental Protection Agency's rush-job Methane Rule. The statement may be attributed to Executive Director James Edwards.

"The proposed repeal of the Obama administration's 11th-hour Methane Rule represents appropriate deregulation of the oil and gas industry. As the Wall Street Journal noted, the regulation puts 'costly reporting requirements and liabilities [on small businesses in the sector] for minimal climate benefits.' These are little guys who've injected fresh competition and innovation into the oil and gas business and helped revive America's industry. And methane emissions have fallen while U.S. oil and gas production has skyrocketed.

"The EPA's withdrawal also tacitly acknowledges the Obama-era EPA's 2016 rush to regulate. The rule of law is meant to protect us from government abuse, yet overzealous regulators failed to abide by the Clean Air Act's own requirements. That's saying something, given that our environmental laws deliberately tilt the regulatory playing field against industrial economic progress.*"

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* See chapter 5, "The Environment and the Economy," *The Once and Future Worker*, by Oren Cass, for a discussion of the one-sided nature of the Clean Air Act and similar laws.

Conservatives for Property Rights is a coalition of conservative organizations that recognize private property rights are critically important, regardless of the form of the property. CPR believes individuals inherently have the right to the fruits of their labor, and private property is essential to the functioning of free enterprise, innovation and the exercise of ordered liberty.