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Honourable Margaret McCuaig-Boyd
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Dear Hon. Margaret McCuaig-Boyd:

Methane emissions proposed regulations are expected to be released in the near future as discussions over the methane proposals were set to conclude by December 1. Following the release of the proposed regulations we have heard that there would be a public consultation period with community stakeholder meetings held throughout the province of Alberta. Based on discussions with stakeholders, we have heard that Lloydminster may not be receiving a community stakeholder meeting, that the closest will be Bonnyville. We would like to request that Lloydminster be added as one of the communities that receives a community stakeholder meeting.

Investment and activity in the heavy oil sector in Lloydminster and the surrounding area is critical to the economic well-being of employees, businesses, and the community of Lloydminster. The Government of Alberta has committed to reducing methane emissions from the oil and gas sector by 45% by the year 2025. Meeting these reduction targets will come at a significant cost to Lloydminster and area in the form of fewer investment opportunities and fewer jobs in Cold Heavy Oil Production with Sand (CHOPS), therefore we need to ensure that the methane emissions regulations are implemented in a manner that protects jobs and investment. We would like the opportunity for community members and businesses to attend a Lloydminster community stakeholder meeting and provide feedback.

Thank you for taking the time to review this letter. We would be greatly appreciative to receive a community stakeholder meeting held in Lloydminster.

Sincerely,

Angela Minish, President
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cc: Hon. Shannon Phillips, Minister of Environment and Parks
Eric Denhoff, Deputy Minister of Alberta Climate Change
Jim Ellis, President & CEO of the Alberta Energy Regulator