May 9, 2017

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce urges you to support H.J. Res. 36, which would undo the Bureau of Land Management’s rule related to methane production. The Chamber will consider including votes on or related to this legislation in our annual How They Voted scorecard.

The Chamber applauds Congress for considering legislation to undo the venting and flaring rule from the Bureau of Land Management. Without congressional action, this rule will seriously curtail the American energy renaissance in the oil and gas sector of the past decade. The rule exceeds BLM’s statutory authority, it is duplicative because energy production activities included in this rule are already regulated through state and federal rules, and fails to recognize that the sector has successfully reduced methane emissions voluntarily, even as energy production has grown substantially.

The Chamber appreciates the strong leadership of many in the House and Senate to deploy the Congressional Review Act to undo needlessly burdensome and costly regulations promulgated by the Obama administration.

Sincerely,

Jack Howard
Senior Vice President
Congressional and Public Affairs