

My name is AnnMarie Cleary from Broomfield, CO

I am a mother, a wife, a professional and like many people I moved to Colorado to enjoy its natural beauty and the outdoor lifestyle that Colorado had to offer.

But today Colorado citizens health, safety and environment are being increasingly negatively impacted by oil and gas activity as the size and scale of this activity greatly increases.

I speak to you on behalf of my friend who's 10 year old son started experiencing nosebleeds when the frack wells went in at the neighborhood across the street. 3 expensive air purifiers later one for each floor and a lifestyle of windows closed in their 600,000 home and the nosebleeds subsided. Do you realize that there are several planned community internal email threads that talk to their neighbors about what is the best type of filter to prevent nosebleeds, what times do increased noise of drilling activity occur, what was the loud boom that they just heard in middle of the night?

I speak to you on behalf of the those people and all of the children in close proximity of operating wells, about their exposure to toxic gases with long term detrimental health effects as they play in the so called safety of their school playground and homes.

I speak to you on behalf of Erin Martinez of Firestone who has to live with out her husband Mark Martinez and brother Joseph Irwin because of an unmarked flow line that turned their home into a bomb because this State failed to protect them.

Gone are the days that we question as to if oil and gas development contaminates drinking water.

State data shows that Companies reported 619 spills in 2017. Altogether, companies spilled more than 93,000 gallons of oil into soil, groundwater and streams. They also spilled more than 506,000 gallons of "produced water," waste otherwise known as spent fracking fluid from drilling and hydraulic fracturing that emerges from deep underground and contains chemicals.

Many of these toxic occurrences were discovered by people monitoring their daily life, fighting for their own health and safety, making their own reports to the industry violating their health and safety. Then those citizens are the ones following through to make sure the poisonous activities get documented, reported and addressed. And myself and the people stand here today with representative Joseph Salazar once again following through on what has yet to be done.

It is your legal responsibility to codify the Appeal Courts ruling. While the Supreme Court has decided to hear the appeal on the interpretation of the Oil and Gas Conservation Act, the district courts are bound to follow the court of appeals published decision. If you refuse to take this action, your only alternative is to impose a state wide moratorium on all new gas permits.

We will not sit by and allow you to ignore the published decision of the appeals court and we will do everything in our power to protect ourselves from this toxic industry.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AnnMarie Cleary". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.