



February 12, 2025

Submitted via email

President Pro Tempore Mimi Stewart
New Mexico State Senate

Dear President Pro Tempore Stewart,

On behalf of the member companies of GPA Midstream Association (“association” or “GPA Midstream”), we would like to express our strong opposition to SB 4, “Clear Horizons and Greenhouse Gas Emissions.”¹

GPA Midstream has served the U.S. energy industry since 1921 and represents more than 50 domestic corporate members that directly employ 57,000 employees engaged in the gathering, transporting, processing, treating, storage, and marketing of natural gas, natural gas liquids, crude oil and refined products, commonly referred to as “midstream activities.” The work of our members indirectly creates or impacts an additional 400,000 jobs across the U.S. economy. In 2023, GPA Midstream members had an economic impact of \$206.2 billion through operating more than 506,000 miles of gas gathering pipelines, gathering more than 91 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas, and operating more than 365 natural gas processing facilities that delivered pipeline quality gas into markets across a majority of the U.S. interstate and intrastate pipeline systems. Many of our members operate in New Mexico and support jobs and the economy in the state. This Senate bill, if signed into law, could negatively impact their operations, as well as their efforts to ensure Americans and our allies abroad get affordable, reliable, and cleaner energy.

Our members always look for more innovative ways to improve operations. With operator efforts and New Mexico’s regulations, emissions have decreased throughout the state. However, SB 4, as written, does not account for all this and is instituting targets that are not practical.

¹ “CLEAR HORIZONS & GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.” SB 4. Introduced 1/21/25.
<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Legislation/Legislation?chamber=S&legType=B&legNo=4&year=25>.

Studies, even from New Mexico's own Environment Department (NMED), show that industry innovation and regulation can work together to reduce emissions and increase energy production. In December 2024, NMED released a report completed by third party, Eastern Research Group (ERG):²

- ERG's analysis shows substantial reductions in methane emissions from the oil and gas sector between 2005 and 2030 (-72%).
- Total GHG emissions from the oil and gas sector are projected to be 33% below 2005 levels by 2030.

We encourage you to consider this input, as you and your colleagues in the New Mexico legislature debate SB 4. Please allow innovation from the operators and existing regulations to work in combination to decrease emissions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Saulters', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Stuart Saulters
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GPA Midstream Association

² "New Mexico Oil and Gas Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory for Year 2005." Prepared for New Mexico Environment Department. Prepared by Eastern Research Group. Released in December 2024.
<https://cloud.env.nm.gov/resources/translator.php/ZDI3MiZlOTYyZjQzOGRlZGM5MDk0MDhmM18xNzcyMDk~.pdf>