



Garfield County Public Health

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To Pew Charitable Trust,

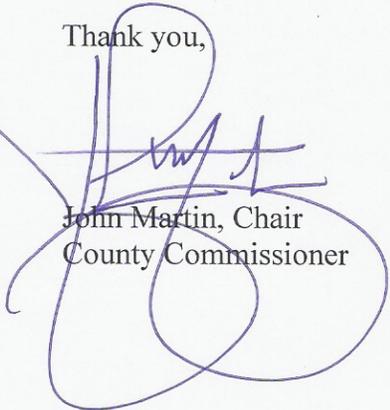
Garfield County has seen significant natural gas development over the last seven years. However, over the years, many of our citizens have expressed concern that rapid industrial development may be influencing health of people in our community.

Last year, we learned of a planned development by Antero Resources to drill for natural gas in the community of Battlement Mesa, Colorado. The project consists of constructing 200 new natural gas wells and associated infrastructure inside the boundaries of this local community of approximately 5000 people. This community consists of a significant senior population along with hundreds of young families with young children.

As County Commissioners we also sit as the County Board of Health and among our responsibilities in this role, we work to address community health concerns. In response to a recent citizen petition to evaluate the potential health implications of the above mentioned development plan, we approached the Colorado School of Public Health to assist us with such an evaluation. We anticipate that the proposed Health Impact Assessment (HIA) would provide us with valuable information and recommendations that will guide our decisions regarding this natural gas drilling project. This HIA will also serve as a guide for future health assessments in our county and may serve as a model for other communities in Colorado and beyond.

The Garfield County Board of County Commissioners endorses the Colorado School of Public Health proposal for a Health Impact Assessment in Battlement Mesa, Colorado and respectfully requests that the Pew Charitable Trusts fund this request.

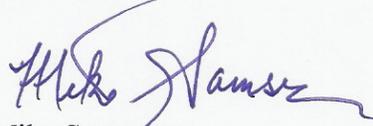
Thank you,



John Martin, Chair
County Commissioner



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County Commissioner



Mike Samson
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