

ENVIRONMENTALISTS — FOR BERNIE —

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: COLORADO

As a person who cares deeply about the health and well being of Colorado I am concerned about the impact fracking is having on our state. Colorado's unfortunate position atop the Niobrara shale plate has left us vulnerable to natural gas interests and they are taking full advantage of it. We can all agree that Colorado sits on some of the most beautiful land in the entire country, maybe even the world. Yet, we are helpless to defend our health and our land against the behemoth that is the fossil fuel industry. We have a chance in this Presidential election to change all of that. We can come together and support Bernie Sanders, the only candidate that has called for an outright ban on fracking, for President. He is also committed to the just transition for industry workers towards new, cleaner jobs. Bernie has a long-standing commitment to fighting for the environment, achieving a 95% lifetime rating on the national environmental scorecard of the League of Conservation Voters. His score is better than any other presidential candidate and he has gained prominent endorsements from Bill McKibben and "Gasland" filmmaker Josh Fox. In addition, the newest polls he is the only Democratic candidate who is projected to win against all Republican challengers in November, while Hillary Clinton loses on each and every occasion. If we are serious about protecting our great state and the people who live here, we need to get serious about electing Bernie Sanders as President.

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