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Dear Ms. Romine:

My wife and I reside at 8305 Washoe Rd, Fruitland, and we are within the gas and oil exploration area that was started by Alta Mesa and is continuing now under another name. We did sign a lease back in 2014, but truthfully we were lied to, promised all sort of royalties (the woman who came to us said there were people receiving royalties exceeding \$10,000 per month!), and—most importantly—told that it didn't matter if we signed or not, that the operation would go forward because all of the neighbors signed. (Actually, I believe the lady who came to us said that “most” of the neighbors had signed.)

I don't know much about the process nor do I know what risks we assume with regard to our environment, our aquifers, and our land. I do know that the State of Idaho needs to protect its citizens and inform us of all the facts and any potential risks. I now know that most of my neighbors signed for the same reason we did: they were pressured to do so and misled in many ways.

Thank you for listening to our concerns.

Sincerely,

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