



**Press Advisory**  
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## **AG Coffman Sends Letter to Boulder County Commissioners Regarding Illegal Oil and Gas Restrictions**

DENVER- Today Attorney General Cynthia H. Coffman sent a letter to the Boulder County Commissioners regarding their illegal moratorium on new oil and gas development. A statement from Attorney General Coffman is included below and a copy of the letter is attached to this email.

### Statement from Attorney General Coffman:

"The Colorado Supreme Court has made clear that local governments do not have the authority to ban oil and gas development. The authority to regulate that area belongs to the State, and every county is required to honor state laws and regulations that govern the responsible development of oil and gas resources across Colorado. Boulder County's continued moratorium on new oil and gas development is a clear violation of state law, and as Colorado's chief law-enforcement official I cannot turn a blind eye. I am hopeful that the Boulder County Commissioners will take the necessary steps to come into compliance rather than forcing the State to go to court."

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