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## **Colorado Women's Alliance Opposes Proposition 112**

The Colorado Women's Alliance opposes Proposition 112 - Minimum Distance Requirements for Oil, Gas and Fracking Projects.

- The Colorado Women's Alliance surveyed nearly 2,000 female voters across the state earlier this year learning that their top concerns were having sufficient dollars available to attract and pay good teachers, and continuing to grow jobs and the economy. The oil and gas industry contributed \$839 million to K-12 schools in 2015 2016. At a time when women are concerned about not having enough revenue to pay teachers, it would not be prudent to take away one of the prime sources of funding.
- There are more than 224,000 women-owned businesses in the State of Colorado, businesses that depend on a healthy economy in order to continue to grow and employ more people. More than 140,000 jobs are directly connected to the oil and gas industry. Proposition 112 would make it impossible for this industry to continue in Colorado, resulting in the loss of jobs that support all of Colorado's businesses, including the 224,000 owned by women.
- There is no scientific evidence that natural gas produced by hydraulic fracturing has any adverse effects on health and we believe that the State's current stringent regulations are sufficient to protect the health and safety of the public.

We urge a "No" vote on Proposition 112.

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