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**Initiative 97 Signatures Submitted to Secretary of State**

*Colorado Rising turns in signatures at deadline for 2,500-foot setback measure to ban industry*

DENVER -- Colorado Rising turned in signatures for Initiative 97 around 12:30 pm, August 6. In a Facebook live video, organizers claimed to have submitted 171,000 signatures. A total of 98,492 signatures are required to make the ballot. The Secretary of State now has 30 days to announce if the measure qualifies for the ballot.

"Members of Colorado Rising claim to have submitted 171,000 signatures to get their job-crushing initiative on the ballot. If this measure makes it onto the ballot, Coloradans will know exactly what is at stake: private property rights, more than 100,000 good-paying jobs, more than \$1 billion in taxes for schools, parks and libraries and our nation's energy security. If approved by voters, 147,000 jobs would be lost – 43,000 in the first year alone – and our state's GDP would take a \$218 billion hit. That's not a joke to Colorado families. These activists are fueled by money from out of state and Boulder County, and they don't care if they put Colorado families out of work. We're confident most Coloradans will see this charade for what it is and support the men and women who are the backbone of our state and who produce the energy we all need each day." Dan Haley, President & CEO, Colorado Oil & Gas Association.

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**About COGA**

Founded in 1984, the Colorado Oil & Gas Association's (COGA) mission is to foster and promote the beneficial, efficient, responsible and environmentally sound development, production and use of Colorado oil and natural gas. COGA is a nationally recognized trade association that aggressively promotes the expansion of Rocky Mountain natural gas markets, supply, and transportation infrastructure through its growing and diverse membership.