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The Mountain Pact Relieved by Senate Passage of Inflation Reduction Act and For Taking Climate Action

DURANGO, CO -- In reaction to the Senate passing the [Inflation Reduction Act of 2022](#), Anna Peterson, Executive Director of The Mountain Pact, a coalition of local elected officials from Western mountain communities, issued the following statement:

"We are so relieved that the Senate has passed the single biggest U.S. investment to tackle climate change - ever. We call on the House of Representatives to also pass this historic legislation swiftly and for President Biden to sign the bill into law.

Local elected leaders and [two-thirds of Americans have been calling for climate action](#) for decades. Communities are dealing with [wildfires](#), [flooding](#), [mudslides](#), [smoke-filled air](#), and [drought](#) year-round which are incredibly expensive for local communities as well as negatively impacting our [tourist](#), [outdoor](#) and [agricultural](#) economies. These climate emergencies put a [strain](#) on already under-resourced [health](#) departments and harm our [air quality](#), [health](#), [lands](#), and [waters](#).

We are thrilled that many of the oil and gas leasing reforms we have been pushing for for years have been included like bonding reform and orphan well clean-up; an end to non-competitive leasing; and an increase in leasing royalty rates - rates that haven't been updated for over one-hundred years.

Many community leaders, who do so much with so little, are taking strong climate action locally. We are thankful this bold federally action will help to address the climate crisis' costly impacts that are devastating our communities."

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Founded in 2014, [The Mountain Pact](#) mobilizes local elected officials in over 80 Western mountain communities with outdoor recreation based economies to speak with a collective voice on federal climate, public lands, and outdoor recreation policy.

