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Dear Supervisors and Clerk of the Board,

I am formally submitting the attached comment letter for the record on behalf of Neil Gowing, President of the Santa Barbara County Deputy Sheriffs' Association. His comments are in support of ExxonMobil's temporary trucking permit set to be heard on March 8, 2022. Please include his letter for the record.

Respectfully,

**Megan Gamble**

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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
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March 1, 2022

Attn: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

On behalf Santa Barbara County Deputy Sheriffs' Association and our members who put their lives on the line every day to keep Santa Barbara County safe, I urge the Board of Supervisors to approve ExxonMobil's temporary trucking permit.

When it comes to public safety, every second counts. And when it comes to making sure law enforcement has the resources it needs to respond, every dollar counts. Reduced funding puts in jeopardy our ability to staff the County, maintain response times and protect all citizens. After nearly seven years, it's time for SYU to restart operations.

Restoring SYU to full production would inject millions of dollars into the local economy, which will have a positive impact on public safety resources. Restarting SYU could increase funding for the Fire Department by \$1.07 million annually and for other public safety and local services by \$1.8 million annually.

Santa Barbara County laws and regulations governing oil production and transportation are among the strictest in the world. The final EIR lays out strict safety and mitigation measures, adherence to which are a condition of the temporary permit. Since 2015, crude oil has been delivered to Santa Maria via trucks from other parts of California. Moreover, trucking will be limited during peak rush hours and will not truck on Calle Real during school bus hours.

For these reasons, Santa Barbara County Deputy Sheriffs' Association urges your strong support of Exxon's temporary trucking permit.

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