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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 Steven Baird, President and CEO of ECHO Group: Band of Brothers. His comments are in support of ExxonMobil's temporary trucking permit set to be heard on March 8, 2022 agenda item#3. Please include his letter for the record.

Respectfully,

**Jacob Asare**  
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March 3, 2022  
Board of Supervisors  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

*RE: Support for the SYU Restart Project Temporary Trucking Permit*

*Dear Board of Supervisors,*

*On behalf of the Band of Brothers and the veterans' community in Santa Barbara County, we urge the Board of Supervisors to approve the restart of ExxonMobil's Santa Ynez Unit temporary trucking permit.*

*Veterans have given so much for our county and continue to give to the Santa Barbara community. SYU provides good-paying jobs for the veterans here locally, jobs which utilize the skills, training and dedication that characterize veterans. At one point, nearly a third of SYU employees were veterans. However, many of these veteran employees lost their jobs or were displaced when operations shutdown in 2015. Restarting SYU could bring back many of the veteran employees who were displaced while also restoring critical funding for local schools, public safety, and fire departments.*

*Veterans understand safety, protocols, and protecting our community. The project before you has undergone rigorous environmental and safety reviews. Trucking routes must be approved by the County, and ExxonMobil must follow more than 100 laws, rules, regulations and policies at local, state and federal levels governing oil production and transportation, which are among the strictest in the world. Moreover, on average, there will only be four to six trucks transporting oil on Santa Barbara County roadways at any given time.*

*For these reasons, we strongly urge you to approve the temporary trucking permit needed to restart SYU.*

*Steven Baird, President/CEO  
ECHO Group: Band of Brothers*

