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Thank you.
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"I **URGE** you to answer the highest calling of your heart and **STAND UP** for what you truly believe."
Congressman John R. Lewis

"Democracy Dies in Darkness." The Washington Post

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MISSION

Our mission is to achieve equity, political rights, and social inclusion by advancing policies and practices that expand human and civil rights, eliminate discrimination, and accelerate the wellbeing, education, and economic security of Black people and all persons of color.

VISION

We envision an inclusive community rooted in liberation where all persons can exercise their civil and human rights without discrimination.

NAACP

Santa Maria/ Lompoc Branch

August 21, 2023

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

C/O Clerk of the Board

County Administration Building, Board Hearing Room

105 East Anapamu Street, 4th Floor

Santa Barbara , CA 93101

RE: Departmental Item #2 on EXXON

Chair Williams and Members of the Board,

I bring you greetings from the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization, the National Association For the Advancement of Colored People. You know us as the NAACP and our mission is to achieve EQUITY, political rights and social inclusion by advancing policies and practices that expand human and civil rights, eliminate discrimination and accelerate wellbeing, education, and economic security of Black people and all persons of color.

On behalf of the Santa Maria-Lompoc Branch of the NAACP, it's officers and members, we wish to convey our OBJECTION to Exxon's request and ask that you DENY this project due to its massive and predictable environmental impact of causing more oil spills, more death to wildlife, and exacerbation of the climate crisis.

We remind you that in 2015, the Plains pipeline that carried oil from ExxonMobil's three offshore platforms to the Santa Barbara shoreline ruptured, causing horrific damage to the coast, killing hundreds of marine mammals and birds. This disaster is one of many in Santa Barbara's painful history of oil spills. Now, Exxon wants to restart that failed pipeline and its decaying 1980s offshore oil rigs, which would pose a renewed threat to our beautiful, biodiverse area from the Gaviota Coast to San Luis Obispo County. We know that the pipeline in question is highly corroded, unable to comply with corrosion prevention standards, and poised to cause another major oil spill. From everything that we have researched and read, it is our belief that restarting this pipeline is a threat to the health and wellbeing and economic security of every person in Santa Barbara County, including Black people and all persons of color.

As always, thank you for listening. We appreciate your support.

Sincerely,



Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt