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Dear Clerk of the Board,

I am angry, no furious, that oil spills have fouled the Santa Barbara coast for far too long. Big corporations are putting their dollars ahead of the lives of people who live here!

The 2015 Plains All American pipeline spill and the 1969 offshore oil disaster should have put an end to oil extraction in Santa Barbara County — but more than 50 years later, we're STILL allowing "Big OIL" and other fossil fuel companies to put people, wildlife and coastlines at risk.

Stop this now!!!! You have the power — and the responsibility! As a Santa Barbara County resident, I urge you to deny ExxonMobil's permit application to restart the Plains Pipeline at the upcoming Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors meeting.

The zoning administrator's approval of this project is based on faulty environmental analysis: failure to consider the impacts of restarting and replacing segments of the pipeline; ignoring the impacts of the 2015 spill and ignoring the factors currently contributing to the corrosion of the pipeline.

It's time to END the era of fossil fuels. We are less and less a Democracy and increasingly an Oligarchy with big companies holding all the power! We need to Stop this, I am using "People Power" the center of Democracy to write this letter! I urge you to put Santa Barbara's people and wildlife first by denying ExxonMobil's permit application to restart this dangerous pipeline.

Sincerely,  
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