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The Honorable Joe Centeno  
Chair, Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Barbara  
1100 Anacapa Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

**Re: Proposed Central Coast Energy Independence Program (CCEIP)**

Dear Supervisor Centeno:


On December 15<sup>th</sup>, the Santa Maria City Council will consider a resolution of support and participation for a new regional program proposed by the County of Santa Barbara that could help local residents dramatically decrease their energy use and switch to clean, alternative fuels.

The proposed Central Coast Energy Independence Program (CCEIP) would be a property-assessed financing program to provide low-interest loans to property owners for permanent energy efficiency upgrades and renewable energy projects such as solar installations for existing homes and commercial buildings.

This opportunity arises from AB 811, enacted in December 2008, which enables a government or jurisdiction to voluntarily develop a property-assessed clean energy program. The proposed CCEIP will help jump-start green jobs and bring economic stimulus money to our region.

The City of Santa Maria supports this proposed initiative and looks forward to working in partnership with the County and other cities to make CCEIP a model program.

Warmest personal regards,

  
**LARRY LAVAGNINO**  
Mayor of Santa Maria

xc: John McInnes, Assistant County Executive Officer