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Christine,

Thank you for including this in the record.

Regards,  
Daniel

RE: Item #3: Appeals of Sable Offshore Corporation's

**Subject: Opposition to Item #3**

Dear Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors, Exxon, Sable and all fellow Santa Barbara county citizens,

For a moment let's imagine the shoreline of Santa Barbara and the Gaviota Coast covered in oil sludge. The sand beneath our feet turned to tar. Beach umbrellas abandoned. Hotels half empty. Restaurants shuttered as tourism collapses. Fishermen hauling in nets slick with crude. Sea lions, otters and sea birds gasping for air on what was once a crystal-clear shore. This is the future we risk.

And let us not forget...it is the past we have lived. This was my parents' reality when 4,000,000 gallons of oil spilled just off the coast. This was our reality in 2015 at Refugio State Beach when more than 100,000 gallons of crude spilled. This will be my children's reality when another spill happens - in five years, ten years, or perhaps next year. Surely we are not so naive as to make the same preventable mistake again.

Even if you choose to ignore the impending environmental and economic damage to our county, I ask you to consider the record of the company involved. Sable Offshore was fined \$18 million this April for unauthorized pipeline work after defying state orders. A court injunction halted the work. A federal judge also rejected Sable's attempt to force an automatic permit transfer and returned the decision to this Board. The Refugio pipeline that ruptured in 2015 released over 100,000 gallons of crude, at least 21,000 of which reached the ocean. Federal investigators found the cause was external corrosion. That same corroded system is what Sable now seeks to restart.

The people of Santa Barbara County know what is at stake. You, the Board of Supervisors, know what is at stake. We the People of this County trust you, which is why we voted for you. I urge you to deny this permit transfer to Sable Offshore on moral, environmental, and economic grounds. The past and present tell us what the future will bring if we do not act.

To those working at Exxon and Sable. Your threats of lawsuits, ignoring the County and dealing only with the state, or your *slandering of our local firefighters* doesn't scare us. We know you have a job and bosses. You also have families and free will, and you have dreams. I'm certain those dreams don't include your children playing on tar covered beaches.

Choose safety. Choose economic prosperity. Choose the public interest. Vote no and protect our coast for the next generation.

Regards,

Daniel H

*Gaviota Coast, Santa Barbara, California*