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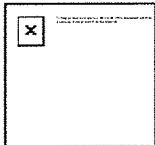
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Good Afternoon Supervisors,

Please accept our attached comments on behalf of the Central Valley Business Federation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you,



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A grassroots alliance of diverse groups organizing in the Central Valley



Strengthening the Voice of Business

February 16, 2022

Santa Barbara County Administration Building
ATTN: Clerk of the Board
105 E. Anapamu Street, Room 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Supervisors,

We at BizFed Central Valley are writing in support of ExxonMobil's request for a temporary trucking permit to restore crude oil transportation following the 2015 Plains all-American Pipe Line 901 incident, which has shuttered the company's Santa Ynez Unit.

BizFed Central Valley is a diverse grassroots alliance of over 70 businesses/associations, 30,000 employers and 400,000 employees, spanning the Central Valley from Madera County to Kern County.

The energy sector is vital to our local economy and the product ExxonMobil is transporting will be trucked into Kern County, in Maricopa. It's impossible to overstate the importance of this economic activity to our communities, especially as our region, like everywhere else, recovers from COVID.

If we lived in a world that was not dependent upon oil, perhaps this permit request would be moot. However, not only do we live in a world dependent upon oil – that applies to Santa Barbara County as much as it applies to the Central Valley – but more than 70 percent of the oil in California is currently imported.

Californians are losing out the economic benefits of local production. Approving the permit would not only help our workers and refineries locally, but it would also provide about \$1.24 million per year in property taxes to Santa Barbara County during the project, as well as 300 jobs in and around the Santa Ynez Unit, which in turn increases economic activity at local businesses.

Furthermore, outsourcing oil production undermines the very environmental goals that are so important to all Californians. For example: Crude from the Santa Ynez Unit has half the GHG emissions of imported crude. In California, our policies regulating oil production are much more pro-environment, and, frankly, pro-human rights/pro-worker, than many of the places from which oil is imported. If climate change is a global threat, then producing oil in California is a global solution -- at least until the world figures out how to live without oil, which has certainly not happened yet.

ExxonMobil has also already agreed to many proactive measures in case of a roadway spill, including: No rainy-day trucking, a trucking spill response plan that exceeds DOT requirements, superior safety equipment, monitoring and training for truckers, route speed and usage restrictions, GHG mitigation, best available technology for fugitive emissions and the provision of a spill trailer and drone for local fire department.

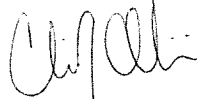
If you have any questions, our CEO, Clint Olivier, is available and happy to provide greater detail. This issue is very important to our members and our local communities. We urge you to approve ExxonMobil's request for a temporary trucking permit.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. If you have any questions, please contact melissa.traugh@bizfed.org.

Sincerely,



Robert Duchow
BizFed Chair
Southern California Gas Company



Clint Olivier
BizFed CEO



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BizFed Association Members

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American Petroleum and Convenience Store Association	Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce
Associated Builders and Contractors – Central California	Hanford Chamber of Commerce
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California Citrus Mutual	Kern County Society for Human Resource Management
California Fresh Fruit Association	Kern Economic Development Corporation
California Gaming Association	Kern Taxpayers Association
California Independent Petroleum Association	LULAC – Kern County
California Life Sciences	Manufacturers Council of the Central Valley
California Manufacturers & Technology Association	National Association of Royalty Owners – California Chapter
California Metals Coalition	National Association of Women Business Owners – Bakersfield Chapter
California Natural Gas Producers Association	National Association of Women Business Owners – CA Chapter
CMTC (California’s Manufacturing Network)	Nisei Farmers League
Downtown Visalians	North of the River Chamber of Commerce
Employers Group	San Joaquin Valley Manufacturing Alliance
Fresno Association of REALTORS	Taft Chamber of Commerce
Fresno Chamber of Commerce	Tulare County Association of REALTORS
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Fresno County Farm Bureau	Water Association of Kern
	Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley
	Western Electrical Contractors Association
	Western States Petroleum Association