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Dear Supervisors and Clerk of the Board,

I am formally submitting the attached comment letter for the record on behalf of Andy Caldwell, Executive Director of the Coalition of Labor, Agriculture, and Business, Santa Barbara County (COLAB). His comments are in support of ExxonMobil's temporary trucking permit set to be heard on March 8, 2022. Please include his letter for the record.

Respectfully,

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the Coalition of Labor, Agriculture and Business, Santa Barbara County (COLAB), I write in strong support of ExxonMobil's temporary trucking permit. COLAB urges the Board of Supervisors to approve the temporary trucking permit, which will allow the restart of the Santa Ynez Unit (SYU), bringing needed jobs and revenue to our County.

ExxonMobil is already permitted to restart their facilities and to use other modes of transportation to do so. If the Board votes against a temporary trucking permit for a fully permitted business to simply operate according to the permit conditions established by this County, this could set a negative precedent for all businesses looking to find new opportunities here in the County, whether it's trucking or otherwise.

To put it simply, denying this temporary trucking permit is to deny a permitted business the right to operate under their permit conditions.

The project includes minor modifications to the SYU facilities so that they can resume partial production and transport the crude to refineries until a pipeline alternative becomes available. The shutdown of SYU resulted in the loss of hundreds of local jobs displacing members of our community.

For the 10 years prior to the shutdown of SYU, ExxonMobil paid \$45 million in taxes to Santa Barbara County – funds that went directly to local schools, public safety, and other important County services. Restarting SYU will be a needed shot in the arm for our local economy.

After an extensive environmental review and public comment period, the planning department recommended approval of ExxonMobil's temporary trucking permit. On behalf of businesses and other important voices I represent here in Santa Barbara, **I am deeply concerned that the denial of this temporary trucking permit will have negative impacts for *any future business opportunities* at a time when they are most needed.**

The Board of Supervisors should approve ExxonMobil's temporary trucking permit to bring jobs and displaced families back to our community.

Sincerely,

Andy Caldwell, Executive Director
Coalition of Labor, Agriculture, and Business, Santa Barbara County (COLAB)