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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 Julian Cañete, President & CEO of the California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. 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,

Megan Gamble
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February 25, 2022

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara 93101

Re: ExxonMobil – Trucking Permit and Santa Ynez Unit

Dear Supervisors,

The California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce (CHCC) is the largest regional ethnic business organization in the United States, representing the more than 800,000 Hispanic business owners in California. We submit this letter in strong support of the temporary trucking permit application submitted by ExxonMobil will enable the phased restart of its Santa Ynez Unit (SYU).

To put it simply, denying this temporary trucking permit is to deny a permitted business the right to operate under their permit conditions implemented by Santa Barbara County. I urge you to consider the negative impacts that denying this temporary permit could have for businesses trying to find opportunities in your County.

ExxonMobil shut down SYU operations in 2015 after a third-party pipeline rupture. Before the shutdown, ExxonMobil employed over 200 employees and 130 contract personnel at this location, most of them from surrounding communities. Additionally, for the ten years before the shutdown, ExxonMobil paid **\$45 million** in taxes to Santa Barbara County that went directly to local schools, public safety, and other county services. The CHCC believes the temporary trucking permit and phased restarting the SYU is vital for every working family in the Santa Barbara region.

Approving the temporary trucking permit will bring back local jobs and tax revenues for Santa Barbara schools and emergency services. It will also provide California with energy, which is better for our environment than bringing in oil from overseas.

We strongly support ExxonMobil in its efforts and urge you to recommend the approval of the temporary trucking permit.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julian Cañete", is written over a circular stamp. The signature is fluid and extends to the right.

Julian Cañete
President & CEO