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Good Morning,

Please see the attached letter to the Board of Supervisors in reference to the proposed building electrification ordinance.

Respectfully Summited ,

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Honorable Joan Hartmann, Chairman
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Chairman Hartmann:

I am writing today because it has been brought to our attention that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is proposing an electrification ordinance.

As we understand, this ordinance would restrict the use of natural gas in new buildings or improvement projects that modify over 50% of the roof/exterior.

On behalf of the Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau and it's over 300 farmer and rancher members in Santa Barbara County we are in opposition of such ordinance and the impact it would have on our agricultural community.

With agriculture being vastly rural, there is not always easy, or cheap, access to the electrical grid. If a property owner wishes to build personal or employee housing and the nearest electrical hookup is miles away, this would incur unfair and significant costs to said landowner to have their electrical hookup.

Additionally, barns for livestock and greenhouses have the need to be temperature controlled. This should come at the most cost-effective method for that farmer, not a mandate that it has to be heated/cooled via electricity.

Agriculture also uses windmill turbines, which are often powered by propane or natural gas, to protect against frost damage. We fear this ordinance would prohibit future use of these necessary machines.

We respectfully ask that you exempt zoned agriculture from this ordinance.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheldon Bosio', written in a cursive style.

Sheldon Bosio, President
Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau