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June 10, 2025

President Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara Opposing New Offshore Oil Leases in Federal Waters

Dear President Trump:

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Vice President JD Vance
Vice President of the United States
1650 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20501

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Secretary of the Interior
Hon. Secretary Doug Burgum
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

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Dear Secretary Burgum:

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Hon. Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Hon. U.S. Senator Alex Padilla
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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Hon. U.S. Senator Adam Schiff
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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Hon. U.S. Congressman Salud Carbajal
2331 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Congressman Carbajal,

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Hon. California State Senator Monique Limón
1021 O Street, Room 7320
Sacramento, CA 95814

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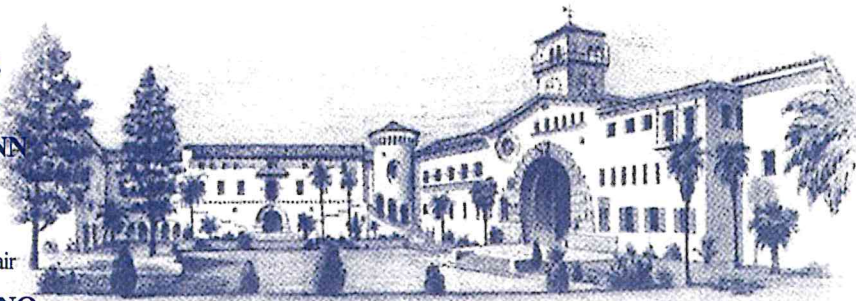
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Hon. State Assemblymember Gregg Hart
1021 O Street, Room 5730
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Hon. Senate Majority Leader John Thune
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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Hon. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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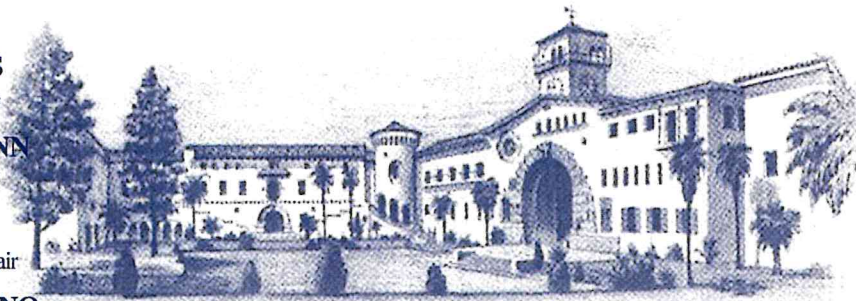
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Hon. Speaker of the House Mike Johnson
568 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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House Minority Leader Rep. Hakeem Jeffries
2433 Rayburn House Office Building
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Hon. Rep. Bruce Westerman
Chair, House Natural Resources Committee
202 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara Opposing New Offshore Oil Leases in Federal Waters

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Hon. Representative Jared Huffman
Ranking Member, House Natural Resources Committee
1527 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara Opposing New Offshore Oil Leases in Federal Waters

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Hon. Rep. Brett Guthrie
Chair, House Energy and Commerce Committee
2434 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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Senator Mike Lee
Chair, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
361A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara Opposing New Offshore Oil Leases in Federal Waters

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Hon. Senator Shelley Moore Capito
Chair, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee
172 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara Opposing New Offshore Oil Leases in Federal Waters

Dear Senator Moore Capito,

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Dr. Walter Cruickshank
Acting Director, BOEM
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

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Jean Thurston
Renewable Energy Program Specialist, BOEM
760 Paseo Camarillo Suite 102
Camarillo, CA 93010

Re: Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara Opposing New Offshore Oil Leases in Federal Waters

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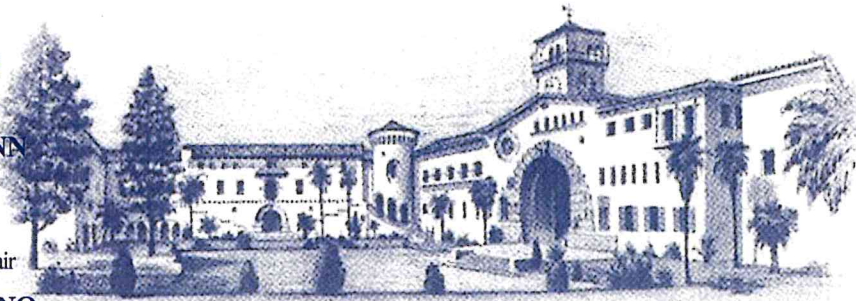
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Joan Barminski
Pacific Regional Director BOEM
760 Paseo Camarillo Suite 102
Camarillo, CA 93010

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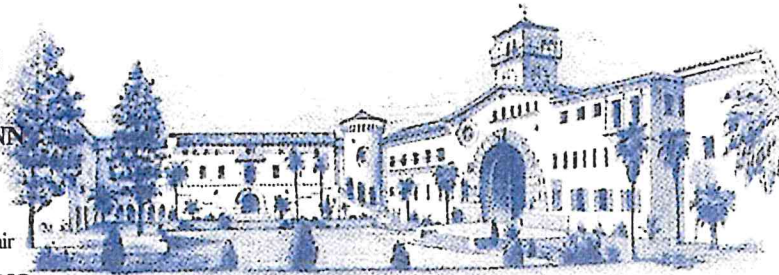
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Pacific Regional Director BOEM
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Suite 102 (CM 102)
Camarillo, CA 93010

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Attn: Ms. Kelly Hammerle
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (VAM-LD)
45600 Woodland Road
Sterling, VA 20166

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