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Subject: Comment Letter Submission RE: ExxonMobil Temporary Trucking Permit Hearing 3/8/22
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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 Kristen Miller, President/CEO of the Santa Barbara South Coast Chamber of Commerce. Her comments are in support of ExxonMobil's temporary trucking permit set to be heard on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. Please include her letter for the record.

Respectfully,

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RE: Support for the SYU Restart Project Temporary Trucking Permit

Dear Board of Supervisors

The Santa Barbara South Coast Chamber reiterates its strong support for the SYU Restart Project and urges the Board of Supervisors to approve the temporary trucking permit. On behalf of the many businesses we represent throughout the County, I ask the Board to be mindful that your vote today could have unintended consequences for *any permitted business* that operates here in Santa Barbara County.

If the Board votes against a temporary trucking permit for a permitted business to operate according to permit conditions set forth by Santa Barbara County, it would set a negative precedent for *any businesses* looking to find opportunities in our county, whether it be trucking or otherwise.

This project has gone through a rigorous environmental review process, and ExxonMobil has demonstrated their commitment to the safety of our communities, its employees, and operations.

Bringing well-paying jobs to our county has always been a top priority for the Chambers of Santa Barbara County and restarting SYU would do just that.

Nearly seven years ago, hundreds of workers and their families were displaced by the pipeline's shutdown. SYU's restart would allow a significant number of employees and contract personnel to return to their homes, restart their lives in the community, and spend local dollars in local businesses.

The Chamber supports the restart of the facility to bring back local jobs and revenues for Santa Barbara's schools and firefighting services. Thank you for your time and consideration on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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