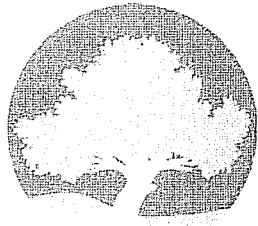


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July 29, 2010

Honorable Janet Wolf
Chair, Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
County Administrative Building, Fourth Floor
105 E. Anapamu St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: Opposition to Prop 23 (“Dirty Energy Proposition”)

Dear Chair Wolf:

The Environmental Defense Center (EDC), on behalf of its more than 2,000 members, would like to express our strong opposition to Proposition 23, the “Dirty Energy Proposition” slated for the ballot this November.

The EDC is a non-profit, public interest law firm that has worked to protect California’s natural resources, coast, and ocean for more than 30 years. The EDC’s mission is to protect and enhance the environment through education, advocacy and legal action. Working primarily in Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura counties, the EDC represents dozens of non-profit organizations within this region and beyond.

Proposition 23 would essentially repeal AB 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, which provides a critical step towards slowing global climate change. The Proposition is backed by Texas oil companies who seek to reverse the progress our state has made in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting clean energy programs.

Contrary to the statements by the proponents that repealing AB 32 would be good for jobs, in fact the opposite is true. According to California’s nonpartisan State Legislative Analyst’s Office, rolling back AB 32 could “dampen additional investments in clean energy technologies or in so-called ‘green jobs’ by private firms, thereby resulting in less economic activity.” According to a new report from the California

Employment Development Department, 500,000 employees work in clean technology or green jobs in California.

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions provides other benefits to California and the County of Santa Barbara as well. For example, measures that reduce greenhouse gas emissions also reduce other harmful emissions that cause public health impacts and asthma. Continued implementation of AB 32 will provide numerous benefits to our state's environment, economy and quality of life.

In closing, the EDC urges the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to OPPOSE Proposition 23, the Dirty Energy Proposition. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Krop".

Linda Krop
Chief Counsel