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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

We need to only be promoting renewable energy sources. We should stop using fossil fuels which have created dangerous climate change in our state, country, and world. The offshore oil rigs are in eyesore and have the dangerous potential of oil spills. We have seen oil spills in the Gulf of Mexico from oil rigs. We have seen oil spills in the Bay of Valdez in Alaska. After the cleanup is declared finished it never is. Wildlife is sickened for generations. The habitats fols have not recovered. Fisherman are now without their livelihoods. Beaches are fouled. Unacceptable!

I urge you to deny this dangerous project as recommended by the Santa Barbara Planning Commission.

In addition to the significant and unavoidable risks of spills from trucking the oil, the purported benefit of producing oil from the offshore platforms and processing it on the Gaviota coast would bring with it unacceptable risks of offshore oil spills, air pollution and toxic fire and smoke risks that were not analyzed in the EIR, which focused narrowly on trucking impacts.

The recent oil spill off of Orange County underlines the severity of these risks. In addition, ExxonMobil's facilities were the largest sources of air pollution in the county and contained dangerous and toxic materials in an area that has burned by wildfire twice in the 6 years since the facilities have been shut down. We were fortunate that oil and dangerous gases were not present at the site during the recent Alisal fire, which burned onto ExxonMobil's property.

It is not just that the trucking routes are along sections of road with above average accident rates, there have been specific and recent instances of oil tankers on this route spilling oil into rivers and starting fires. In fact, on October 11 -- the same day as the Alisal fire -- an oil tanker crash near Orcutt caused a fire in Eucalyptus trees.

Thank you for denying this dangerous and unacceptable oil trucking project.

Sincerely,

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