Katherine Douglas Public Comment - Group 1 A-17

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I support the California Polluter Pays Climate Superfund Act. This is a legally and economically sound bill that would hold the largest fossil fuel companies accountable to the climate damages they've caused – providing relief to taxpayers.

It is an ethical step in the right direction, and one that is urgently needed.

Sincerely,
Kelsey Perry
Mother and Goleta resident

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Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

I urge you to pass a resolution supporting the passage of the California Polluter Pays Climate Superfund Act (AB 1243/SB 684). Doing so will show local support for the bills and is a way for Santa Barbara to help influence target legislators to pass the bill up in Sacramento.

There are numerous reasons to support the passage of these bills including:

*Californians and Santa Barbara constituents are facing an affordability crisis while also facing the ever-increasing and devastating impacts of the climate crisis. In the face of a $12 billion dollar state budget deficit, cuts to essential programs and services, cuts to FEMA funding, and stripping of environmental protections, Californians need action now more than ever.
*This legislation will increase investments in California's economy, whether it's creating good paying, middle class jobs, or supporting small businesses recover, it aims to make California more resilient in the face of climate change by helping to address affordability issues that working families face.
*Every $1 invested in climate resilience and preparedness saves $13 (economic savings and cleanup and damage costs).
*Having a new source of revenue will protect and provide relief to the general fund and local county budgets. By protecting the General Fund, the Climate Superfund Act helps preserve funding for healthcare, schools, housing, and other essential public services.
*The Gifford Fire this past August is an example of a statewide trend - bigger, more destructive fires are arriving earlier due to greenhouse gas driven warming. We need more support for first responders, protections for our vast amounts of outdoor workers impacted by poor air quality and proactive measures to protect infrastructure from the worst of the impacts - and it's imperative that the companies most responsible for this warming pay up.
*Our agricultural sector, which is one of the main economic drivers in the county, is extremely vulnerable to climate change hazards. Drought and heat events put stress on our crops, and farmworkers are exposed to the combined threats of increased vector borne illnesses, extreme heat and smoke from wildfires. While there are programs in place to mitigate these hazards, the reality is that we need to do more to protect our farmworker community and increase resilience in the agricultural economy.
*This bill has an emphasis on equity, with 40% of the funds dedicated to benefit disadvantaged communities that have been hit the hardest by climate change. This allocated funding could benefit Santa Barbara County's 3 designated disadvantaged communities, comprising nearly 15,000 residents according to SB 535.
*This bill is not retroactive, but rather based on the well-established legal precedent of paying for past harms. It is a recompense fee to provide compensation for past emissions. This legislation is modeled in part on CA's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Act on the basis that if a product caused harm there is liability to remedy that harm even if the product is or was legal and could be seen to provide a benefit.

*Contrary to industry claims, the Superfund fee will not increase gasoline prices and will not disrupt refinery operations or employment. The fee would be a small portion of the industry's trillion dollar profits and they have the option of paying them over a 20-year period.
*This is not controversial - according to a recent poll from Fossil Free Media and Data for Progress, 3/4 of Californian voters support a climate superfund bill and support making polluters pay for their role in causing climate disasters. Over 100 elected officials from 25 counties across the state have signed a letter supporting this legislation.

Please take action to get mush needed help for our communities by using your influence to get the California Polluter Pays Climate Superfund Act (AB 1243/SB 684) passed which will hold the companies responsable for climate change impacts accountable and pay for the damages they have caused.

Thank you,

Ann Dorsey

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From: Sharon Broberg <slbroberg@gmail.com>
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Subject: A-17 Yes on Resolution re: Make Polluters Pay

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We are in favor of the resolution to support the state bill to Make Polluters Pay. Local governments are very important in building the momentum to make changes in policy.

We say "follow the money"...who has made the money on the deteriorating climate. The big oil and gas companies, that's who. Who should help pay? The big oil and gas companies that's who.

When disasters strike, the response needed stretches our state budget to a breaking point – putting essential programs and services at risk. With cuts to FEMA funding and the stripping of environmental protections, California needs to take action to protect us, our health, and our environment. **That's why we are trying to pass the California Polluter Pays Climate Superfund Act (AB 1243/SB 684), and we need your help building local support for this crucial bill!**

John and Sharon Broberg
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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

Please vote to pass the CA Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act (AB1243/SB684) Santa Barbara must remain a climate leader, and join the many other CA cities voting to make the oil & gas industries pay for the environmental damages they cause.
Tax payers have had to pay for cleanups of climate disasters , rebuilding costs, insurance increases, and pollution caused health issues, amongst other things .
It's time for the major oil & gas industries that cause these climate disasters to give a small percentage of their profits back to the communities they are knowingly hurting.

Make Polluters Pay!!

Thank you for working to keep Santa Barbara County Clean & Green Tracey Willfong Santa Barbara

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From: Paasha Mahdavi <paasha.mahdavi@gmail.com>
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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to urge the Board of Supervisors to vote to adopt a resolution in support of the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act proposed by Assembly Bill 1243 (Addis) and Senate Bill 684 (Menjivar). This bill is especially important for our county, as it would provide funding for preparedness and disaster response to emerging threats from wildfires, droughts, and heatwaves exacerbated by climate change. 40% of the revenue generated would be directed towards Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) as classified by SB 535, which covers a large portion of voters in District 5 (Lavagnino) and in District 4 (Nelson).

A critical aspect of this Act is its cost recovery assessment, which penalizes the largest fossil fuel companies to pay a proportionate share of the damages caused by their emissions. The language in the Act puts this burden on companies responsible for over 1 billion metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions. This list includes oil majors – but importantly ***it does not put the burden on oil and gas companies that are operating in our county.***

The Act also would provide funding for climate mitigation efforts, which would include the remediation of oil and gas wells currently idle or potentially rendered non-active by future policy. In our county, a significant portion of these 2,348 wells are located in DACs in Districts 4 and 5. **This Act would create a fund that would contribute towards the cost of plugging and abandonment of oil and gas wells**, which would not only improve local public health but also provide between 564 and 1,268 jobs according to estimates by RFF and the Sierra Club.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Paasha Mahdavi
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Santa Barbara, CA

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Dear California State Legislature,

Between devastating wildfires, extreme heat waves, and rising sea levels, the costs of climate change are escalating rapidly. We need your support for SB 684, the Polluters Pay Climate Cost Recovery Act of 2024. This critical bill seeks to alleviate the financial burden of climate change on California taxpayers by ensuring that fossil fuel polluters pay their fair share for the damages caused by their products. Under SB 684, the California Environmental Protection Agency would identify companies responsible for substantial fossil fuel emissions and require them to contribute to climate cost recovery. The funds collected would be placed into the Polluters Pay Climate Fund, which would support essential climate mitigation and response efforts. By implementing this bill, California can take a bold step in holding polluters accountable while reducing the economic strain on communities already struggling with climate-related disasters.
Climate change is an urgent crisis, and SB 684 provides a fair and necessary solution to address its mounting costs. **Please support this legislation to protect both California's environment and its taxpayers.**

Signed,

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Dear California State Legislature,

The climate crisis is devastating California with fires, floods, extreme heat, severe storms, and drought. This costs the state hundreds of billions of dollars in damages. Fossil fuel polluters are overwhelmingly responsible for these damages, but taxpayers are footing the bill. We need to take action to hold the fossil fuel industry financially accountable for the impact of climate change on our state by establishing a Polluters Pay Climate Cost Recovery Program, funded by a fee assessed to the biggest polluters. The fund would advance projects and programs to mitigate, adapt, or respond to the damages caused by climate change in California. Please prioritize California residents and building a cleaner and healthier future for all of us, and make polluters pay for climate adaptation and mitigation programs.

Sincerely,

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Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors Meeting Comment 12/9

Good morning Chair Capps, Supervisors, and staff. My name is Cesar Campos and I am writing to you in regards to agenda item A-17 for the December 9th Board of Supervisors meeting.

I'm asking the County to pass a resolution in support of the California Polluter Pays Climate Superfund Act, a bill that aims to shift the financial burden of climate disasters from taxpayers to the fossil fuel industry. In order for the County to move forward in creating a sustainable, safe, and healthy future for its residents, we need to begin with holding polluters accountable to the damages they've caused.

As many of you know, the impacts of climate change have been increasing in both severity and frequency. The Central Coast is a region that faces a disproportionate burden of climate impacts, which is a big reason why we need legislation such as a Climate Superfund to support efforts that make our region more prepared and resilient to climate change. Almost a year ago, we watched the LA fires burn through our neighboring communities in an unprecedented series of wildfires, costing taxpayers over $250 billion for clean up. This happened shortly after our neighbors in Ventura County were faced with the Mountain and Thomas Fires. Back in 2018, we were faced with the Montecito Mudslides, which tragically took the lives of 23 people and cost over $420 million. And back in 2015, we saw nearly 450,000 gallons of heavy crude oil spilled all along our coastline, costing over 100 million dollars and devastating the local economy. These tragic and devastating events will happen again – the question is, who should be held responsible? The taxpayers, who have lost everything at the expense of the fossil fuel industry? Or the industry, who has never been held accountable to climate impacts despite profiting off the communities they destroy? The logical answer is the latter, an effort that is supported by over 75% of voters.

Moreover, Santa Barbara County's leading industry is at risk of being endangered by climate change. According to a 2025 article by the Santa Barbara Independent, the agriculture industry made over 2 billion in profits during 2024. Threats such as droughts and fires jeopardize this billions of dollar industry, which if not taken care of can result in the loss of a significant amount of money and employment. Is this what we really want for our people?

The urgency of holding polluters accountable cannot be overstated. By shifting the financial burden to those most responsible through a Climate Superfund, we are creating another source of state funding that will allow us to implement more climate resiliency, adaptation, and mitigation measures to make our region more prepared to respond to another inevitable climate disaster. Examples of this include home hardening efforts, first responder preparedness, small business support, green energy development and job creation, building resiliency, and so much more. Given these points, I urge you to pass the resolution in support of the Polluter Pays Climate Superfund.
Thank you.

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