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Dear County Board of Supervisors,

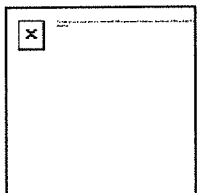
Please see this attached letter from 45 Santa Barbara area businesses opposed to ExxonMobil's proposed trucking project.

Best,

Nadia

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Subject: Businesses in opposition to ExxonMobil's restart and trucking proposal

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of 45 Santa Barbara area businesses and foundations, we are writing to express our opposition to ExxonMobil's proposal to resume offshore drilling in the Santa Barbara Channel. We urge you to deny ExxonMobil's permit application to truck oil along California's coastal highways.

Offshore drilling is fundamentally at odds with our coastal economy and way of life. Santa Barbara County has one of the most spectacular coastal areas in the nation. Californians and people from all over the world come here to fish, hike, kayak, surf, wine and dine, and enjoy our beaches. The coastal environment supports over 16,000 jobs and contributes \$825 million to Santa Barbara County's economy annually through tourism, ocean-based recreation and fishing alone. This vibrant coastal economy is reliant upon clean beaches and healthy marine ecosystems.

ExxonMobil's offshore oil platforms Harmony, Heritage and Hondo have been offline since the Plains Pipeline spill in 2015. If ExxonMobil is permitted to truck oil, those three aging platforms will be brought back to life, putting our coastal economy at risk of another devastating oil spill. And trucking oil along windy California highways comes with a host of other risks, including car accidents, fires, and explosions.

Our businesses are inextricably tied to clean coastal waters that create jobs, and enable us and our employees to support our families and put our children through school. Santa Barbara's thriving coastal economy is directly threatened by oil spills, which are an inevitable and routine component of offshore drilling and oil trucking. These spills can shut down fisheries, shutter beachside businesses, and deter campers and tourists from visiting our beautiful coastline.

We implore you to protect our coastal economy by denying this permit application and ensuring ExxonMobil's aging offshore drilling platforms remain shutdown.

Sincerely,

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Caffrodite Community Collective	Professional Development Partners
Cage Free Productions	Remedy Marketing
Cajé	Rincon-Vitova Insectaries, Inc
Camp Design and Architecture	Robin's Restaurant
Channel Islands Expeditions	Satellite Santa Barbara LLC
Cognixion	Sea & Summit sunscreen
Compost Santa Barbara	SeaVees Inc
Dank Bowl Kitchen	Shoreline Cafe
EarthDayAmbassadors.org	Sunrise Movement Santa Barbara
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