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Clerk of the Board
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
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Re: Ballot Measure on Business License Oil Tax

Chairman Lavagnino and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

The Santa Maria Economic Development Commission is against placing a measure on the ballot to impose an additional tax on our local petroleum resources. At a time when economic support is critically needed to create jobs and increase the economic health of our communities, an additional tax that will further hinder the oil industry is the last thing that should be considered.

In Santa Barbara County, the oil industry has a long history of creating high-paying career positions, generating substantial property tax revenue, supporting our local merchants, and generously sponsoring our non-profits. Unfortunately, this industry is again under threat of over taxation and over restriction which will further diminish the positive economic impact of this industry on our region.

The proposed measure, if brought to the ballot, would require 67% of the vote to be approved. There is no indication that there is anywhere near the support necessary for it to pass.

The Economic Development Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to vote against this measure.

Sincerely,

Dave Cross
Director