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Supervisors of Ventura County,

I am writing to ask you to reject this attempt by the oil and gas industries to weaken regulations so recently enacted to improve the health and safety of the people of our County. While I can certainly understand their industries' concerns for their futures, the reality is that they have profited greatly through the extraction of hazardous resources over the past century of oil and gas operations within this County, and that they have often done so in an irresponsible manner that created negative health impacts for both current and future residents. Who will pay to remediate these local impacts upon our communities, not even taking into consideration the impacts from their contributions to climate change that will have repercussions for Ventura County communities? If the oil and gas industries want to remain a part of Ventura County, let them adapt to the changing world that we live in - a change that they have contributed greatly to, whether they will admit it or not - and let them demonstrate their commitment to the health and welfare of the people of our County rather than their own profit margins.

This is a choice between the health of Ventura County residents and the profitability of the oil and gas industries. Please stand with the people of Ventura County and reject this attempt by the oil and gas industries to serve their own interests. Do not change the language in the General Plan, and do not initiate an amendment process for General Plan Policies COS-7.7 and COS-7.8 that will weaken the regulatory protections for Ventura County residents. If the oil and gas industries want to continue litigating with the County over these issues of public health and safety, stand fast in your commitment to the people of our County, and let the industries attempt their overturn of public safety without assistance from, or acquiescence by, this government.

Thank you,  
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