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Hello,

Thank you to the board of supervisors and the clerk for the opportunity to voice my concerns through this message.

My name is Olivia Simonson, I am a fourth generation oil and gas operator, owner, and producer in Ventura County.

Today, I implore the board of supervisors to think globally by acting locally. California produces just 28% of the oil and gas needed to meet the state's current energy demand. This means that the remaining 72% of state demand must be met by outside sources, including countries who have egregious social justice violations, and horrendous climate change policies.

The reality is that any time the board of supervisors acts under the veil of climate justice, such as they are here, they create more greenhouse gas emissions, participate in more environmental degradation, and promote a social justice agenda antithetical to their own.

Our local oil and gas is the cleanest in the world. We're subject to more than 25 regulatory agencies. Burdening local operators and producers with excessive red tape does not eliminate the truth: California continues to consume oil and gas daily, and every barrel of oil that is imported to the state counteracts any progressive climate policy or social justice actions taken on this board's behalf. The ordinances presented here are a meager facade so that the board can say "not in my backyard" while importing thousands of barrels of oil from overseas every day at the expense of their own constituents.

Think globally, act locally, and make policy that shows your constituents that you understand the true repercussions of your "climate change" agenda.

Thank you.

Best,

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