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To: Ventura County Board of Supervisors

I congratulate the Board on its decision to examine the decades-old (antiquated) Conditional Use Permits, or "CUPS", which oil operators claim give them the right to continue to drill new wells, expand production, or use high-risk techniques like fracking and cyclic steam *without environmental review and oversight from the county* – this is a welcome move, and the Board deserves our thanks.

It is our hope that the ordinance amendment process will include a moratorium on new permits, until all existing permits are brought to a condition of consistency with modern planning standards, and with appropriate regard to proper environmental requirements, health safeguards, and sufficient public notice.

As to the claim of 'vested rights,' I believe that corporate entities should begin to recognize that the citizenry of any county has a 'vested right' to expect that their human concerns: environmental, as well as family health and safety, be given full protection from the *unrestricted* exploitation of natural resources.

We thank the Board of Supervisors for taking action to insure that new drilling and expanded extraction will require both new permits and full compliance with current health, safety and environmental standards.

Respectfully,
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