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Sent: Sunday, November 8, 2020 5:00 PM
To: Supervisor Huber
Cc: ClerkoftheBoard; Bennett, Steve; Parks, Linda; Long, Kelly; Zaragoza, John
Subject: Legacy Permits and Vested Rights

District 4 Supervisor Bob Huber,

My name is Jack E. Walton. I am a resident of Moorpark, California and a **Royalty Owner**.

I am extremely concerned that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors are considering to amend the Coastal and Non-Coastal Ordinances to require additional review and approvals for Conditional Use Permits. This will ultimately shut down critical oil and natural gas production here in Ventura County and with it the rights of more than a thousand Mineral Rights Owners.

I am a Senior Citizen. My retirement investments and social security payments are not enough to cover my cost of living and home ownership here in Ventura County. I depend on my monthly royalty payments to make up the difference. I just paid my 2020-2021 Ventura County Property Taxes. Royalty Income was used to pay these taxes.

There has been oil and natural gas production in Ventura County for more than 100 years. The oil and natural gas industry and supporting service companies provide good paying jobs for citizens of our community. We need more companies that provide good paying job here in Ventura County. Wages and salaries from these employees are spent in Ventura County and help support other local businesses. Oil and Gas Companies have contributed a very substantial amount of tax revenues to Ventura County over the last 100 years. We should be grateful to the oil and natural gas industry for the taxes they have paid to Ventura County. We do not need more governmental regulations imposed on them that will shut down local oil and natural gas production and drive companies out of Ventura County.

California currently imports more than 50% of its oil consumption from foreign sources. If that supply of oil was interrupted, California would be in serious economic trouble. We need oil and natural gas to fuel our automobiles, pickups, manufacturing industries, transportation industries, agricultural industries, electrical generations, airlines, natural gas for businesses and homes, etc. We need to be increasing our oil and natural gas reserves, not shutting down local oil and natural gas producing companies.

I am a veteran and believe that the only way to keep peace in the world is to maintain a strong military. To have a strong military, the United States must be energy independent. The military cannot function without oil and natural gas. Planes and helicopters cannot fly without fuel. Aircraft Carriers and Destroyers cannot patrol the seas without fuel. In order to insure our safety and freedom, we cannot afford to shut down our oil and gas industry.

Here in Ventura County, the oil and natural gas companies are not only helping to contribute to our Country's energy independence, but are contributing tax revenues that support County services. These tax revenues help us maintain strong police services to insure our public safety. They are used to fund education and support vital services. and more importantly, at this time, they are used to provide critical resources and funding the County needs to recover from Covid-19. With more tax revenues from the oil industry, we could provide more help for the homeless, fund low cost housing, etc.

I believe that Ventura County should be more business friendly toward oil and gas companies. In return, oil and natural gas companies must continue to share a strong commitment to maintain environmental sensitive operations. We all want clean air and water in our community.

I STRONGLY URGE THAT YOU VOTE AGAINST CHANGING THE RULES ON LEGACY PERMITS AND VESTED RIGHTS.

Sincerely,

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