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clerkoftheboard@ventura.org: It has come to my attention that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors is considering changing the rules of "legacy permits and vested rights" in petroleum production within Ventura County. As a third generation California geologist and long time resident of Ventura County, this proposal is an infringement on my professional rights, and more importantly, upon my livelihood as a geologist and income as a royalty owner. The Board of Supervisors should be aware, that while politically, they might be benefitting themselves, they are forgetting that at least 85% of driving Ventura County residents still depend on affordable petroleum products for transportation (and farming) to maintain our well being and livelihood. The county Supervisors should also be aware that less and less oil and natural gas will be used in our automobiles and certain industry products and as consumers we are converting to electric power. Moreover, the oilfields throughout the County are very old and production is declining very rapidly.

Finally, the Board of Supervisors should be reminded that our City and County of Ventura indirectly owes much of its natural beauty to the well planned and controlled agriculture and petroleum activities over the many years in both the Ventura and Santa Clara river basins. Had that development not occurred in both river basins the areas would have been long overrun and poorly developed. Oil production in both basin areas is now declining rapidly leaving our river areas green and undeveloped!. Our Board of Supervisors must look down the road for the benefit of Ventura County residents and this cannot be done with quick short term , politically timely, satisfying decisions.

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