

To Whom It May Concern:

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I am a chemistry teacher at Ventura High School with a Master's degree in Chemistry and a supporter of legislation that benefits the environment. I have also always questioned why we spend so much energy drilling and transporting oil from Alaska to California when we sufficient quantities here. The population and their vehicles are also in California, not in Alaska. As much as I would like to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, and we will, it makes no energetic sense to not use the oil we have here.

It also makes sense in terms of supporting our local economies since oil is a large contributor to many successful small businesses.

I understand and support the desire for a cleaner environment but there is the law of unintended consequences, when in the attempt to do something good for the environment you end up doing something worse and killing local businesses at the same time. California has a highly regulated oil infrastructure that does quite a good job of controlling waste and spills in a highly unpredictable environment. Don't make it more burdensome.

I would suggest you think of long terms effects of your choices before you decide. Maybe working on reducing Solar Curtailment would be a better way of reducing our fossil fuel dependence.

Sincerely,

Woodward A. Maxwell