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Ventura County Board of Supervisors Clerk

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Board of Supervisors Ventura County:

I am writing on behalf of myself and three other family members owning mineral rights leases in the South Mountain area dating back to about 1916. Currently those leases are held by California Resources Corporation, which is involved in bankruptcy proceedings at this time. We are very concerned about the environmental impacts of oil and gas operations on our mineral leases as well as in other parts of Ventura County whether on- or off-shore. Mineral lease owners have little involvement in the management of the leases themselves other than the collection of royalties. As a result, we very much appreciate the County of Ventura's efforts to increase oversight and regulation of mineral lease operations in the county. We are concerned about the environments and people of Ventura County, especially with the use of fracking for oil and gas extraction and for the underground storage of chemical wastes from such operations in a fault-ridden area. Moderating and controlling those impacts are more important than the royalties we receive from them.

Please vote to change ministerial permits to discretionary permits by revamping the Coastal and Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinances. Please let me know about the results of your vote on this important proposal. Thank you very much.

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