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From: Virginia Gunderson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 7:41 PM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: Concerned mineral owners

Madam Supervisor--

My family homesteaded across the river from what was to become Santa Paula in 1867. While the first generation farmed most of the flat area they also started raising some cattle on the areas that were too steep to raise row crops. The next generation Homesteaded further up on South Mountain and my father Norman Richardson was heir to 360 acres. Upon the death of Joshua Stockton he was able to purchase the surface rights to the 160 acres on the top. He and his brother in law, Douglas Shively, were able to purchase 1/2 the mineral rights from the Stockton heirs.

It is my hope that you will not vote in favor of the bill that will no longer allow drilling for Gas & Oil on our family's 520 acres on So. Mountain, at the meeting tomorrow Nov. 10th.

If the oil industry in the county will be shut down, not only will it put many workers out of work - but the revenues in taxes generated from the sales Tax collected by the county will be a great loss to the county's budget.

Since the recent fires have burned all the fence posts, leaving no fences with which the cattle can be controlled, raising cattle is no longer an option for our Richardson families. So the sale of those cattle and that revenue from those sales are no longer helping the Ventura County budget.

There is no water on the hill and no permits for drilling water wells are allowed. Naturally without water no agricultural incomes can be from which County Taxes can be assessed.

There are many of my acquaintances who are on fixed incomes and this considered measure would drastically affect their living condition.

Please reconsider my plea in the second paragraph and vote no at the meeting tomorrow.

I thank you for your consideration of my opinion.

Cordially,

Virginia R. Gunderson

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Sincerely,

Virginia Gunderson