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**To:** [ClerkoftheBoard](#)  
**Subject:** No new oil wells near homes and schools!  
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Dear Ventura County Clerk of the Board,

I am writing on behalf of Patagonia, the outdoor apparel company based in Ventura. Patagonia has been located in Ventura since 1973. We have hundreds of employees based locally, many of whom live in Oxnard, and we fund several environmental nonprofits in the city of Oxnard and around Ventura County.

On behalf of our employees and community, I urge you to block the expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure in Lemonwood, an environmental justice community in Ventura County. I respectfully urge the Board of Supervisors to deny ABA Energy Corporation's appeal.

Drilling near homes and schools is a threat to human health, which is why the state passed a law requiring a 3,200-foot safety zone between oil drilling and homes, schools and hospitals. This infrastructure has no place in our neighborhoods.

Thank you,

J.J. Huggins  
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Please use your rightful authority to deny these oil wells near schools and homes.

Sincerely,

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