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Honorable supervisors of Ventura County,

As a resident, homeowner and retired business owner in Oxnard, I understand the need for energy and jobs. I also understand that as our county progresses, population density increases and science advances, we often find that past practices were harmful to our health, environment and overall community well being. In these cases, we must make adjustments for the good of the community and not look the other way for any one business interest.

Oil wells close to areas where our residents live, work, go to school and play is one of those areas where we must make adjustments to decades old rules. The cost to our community in rising health care costs, long term health issues that can lead to lower productivity in any number of areas is simply not acceptable in 2023. Environmental impact reports and regulations to keep our community our water and air safe are something we must address.

The Lemonwood neighborhood is one we should all be proud of and prioritize the people living in that community, whether or not we live there. Unless we can all say that we would want these wells in our own neighborhoods without having to go through current standards of best practice for environmental regulation, you must vote against allowing the drilling.

Sincerely, Rick Sanchez

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